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3 identical sons born to GTA couple

Statistical rarity.
Experts put chance of natural matching trio as low as 1 in a million

For months, Nelie and Sandro Passarelli thought they were having identical twin boys. Then, in April, a third tiny heartbeat pulsed on the ultrasound.

"We were very surprised," says first-time dad Sandro. "But it's beautiful. It's a blessing."

The newborns, conceived naturally without the aid of fertility drugs, are also a statistical rarity. Some experts have said the chances of having identical triplets are as tiny as one in a million, and while the research varies, several hospital staff here in Toronto told the couple that they've never seen the birth of "spontaneous" identical triplets, as they're called, in their careers.

The newborns were created from one egg split into three, and there was only one placenta.

Born one week ago Tuesday, by Caesarean section in an operating room at Mount Sinai Hospital, baby Matteo met the world first, at 11:45 a.m. Brothers Lucas and Nicholas followed two minutes later.

Over the next few days the boys, born nearly a month ahead of the usual schedule, were transported one by one to Brampton Civic Hospital, a shorter drive for their exhausted but elated parents.

They are now nestled in incubators in the neonatal intensive-care unit. Sandro, 31, says the babies are "doing beautifully, thank God." Each weighs about three pounds and measures the length of an adult's arm from wrist to elbow.

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Diaper duty

9,000

Estimates put the number of diapers needed for triplets at over 9,000 per year.

Chow says Liberals are BULLYING TEACHERS

MP Olivia Chow of the New Democrats speaks on Tuesday at a Queen's Park rally where thousands of teachers protested Premier Dalton McGuinty's wage-freeze bill. Chow said the Liberals are strong-arming tens of thousands of teachers and education workers by trying to force new contracts on them. "I know you as teachers every day teach the kids to work together not to bully," Chow told the crowd. Full story, page. 3. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fishing trip bromance

Stephen Harper and Rob Ford caught a few nice bass at the PM's exclusive retreat PAGE 4

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Mountie pic lights tower

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Bill a 'betrayal,' teachers say, as thousands rally at legislature

Queen's Park. Many in raucous crowd chant 'liar, liar' when premier's name mentioned

Quoted

"Mr. McGuinty, we will never ever, ever forget this betrayal."

Sam Hammond, president, Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario

Fanula Lacatus-Lopez, a Grade 2 teacher at Driftwood Public School in Toronto, voices her opposition to the Liberals' wage-freeze bill on Tuesday during a teachers' rally at Queen's Park. Thousands of education workers, many of them carrying placards, turned out to protest the legislation. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The self-styled "education premier" has been schooled by angry teachers.

About 5,000 educators outraged by Premier Dalton McGuinty's legislation imposing a two-year wage freeze and curbing their collective bargaining rights rallied in protest on Tuesday on the front lawn at Queen's Park.

It's a comeuppance for McGuinty, who has counted on support from the powerful education unions to remain in office since 2003.

While the Liberals raised teachers' salaries by more than 25 per cent over the past nine years — and enjoyed labour peace — the warm relationship has ended.

"Dalton, I'm breaking up with you. It's not me. It's YOU," read one of the many protest signs in the crowd.

Inside the legislature, McGuinty stressed that with a $14.8-billion deficit, the government "can't afford" delays in getting teachers' contracts nailed down.

"We are, in fact, running out of runway," he said, referring to existing deals that roll over on Saturday, which would incur $473 million in costs as teachers move up the salary grid and continue to accumulate sick days that can be cashed in upon retirement.

But some teachers said they feel as if they are being used as political pawns to help the Liberals win Sept. 6 byelections in Kitchener-Waterloo and Vaughan.

The Grits recalled the legislature two weeks early to pass the bill. With the support of Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, the bill will likely pass next week.

"I don't think McGuinty understands that he's risking the progress that he's made," said Susan Rab, who teaches law, economics and social studies at Sir Wilfrid Laurier high school in Ottawa.

She said teachers are furious that the minority Liberal government doesn't trust them to negotiate responsible contracts.

While comparisons were made between Tuesday's crowd and throngs of furious teachers who protested against former premier Mike Harris on the front lawn at Queen's Park in the 1990s — including 22,000 at a November 1997 rally — there's seems to be more bitterness about McGuinty.

"In some ways this is worse than Harris. He never pretended to respect teachers, he never called us partners and he never said it was fair," Rab said.

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Fashion Cares fundraiser taking final bow

Sir Elton John and David Furnish attend a Washington, D.C., benefit last month. Sir Elton is headlining the last Fashion Cares on Sept. 9.
MICHAEL KOVAC/GETTY IMAGES

After 25 years, Fashion Cares, the AIDS fundraising event that brought together celebrity culture, a fashion show and an after-party at which several thousand people took to the floor, is calling it quits.

When Elton John belts out the final note, the last model exits the stage, the curtain drops and the lights dim at the Sony Centre on Sept. 9, an era will come to a close.

"The days of the mega-fundraiser are fading," said Michael King, co-chair of Fashion Cares. "I'm sure the event will live on in a different guise, but a giant spectacle with 3,000 people sitting down for dinner seems passé."

Hazelle Palmer, executive director of the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), also agreed it's time to try something different.

"It's a different time and we have to find new ways of raising awareness of HIV and AIDS," she says, including finding new community partners. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tender loving care

- The first Fashion Cares was held in 1987 at the Diamond nightclub on Sherbourne Street, mounted by members of Toronto's fashion and arts community, which was being ravaged by AIDS.

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Mayor has reely big adventure with PM

Fish tale. Rob Ford casts his lot with Stephen Harper at PM's Gatineau retreat

Stephen Harper and Rob Ford dipped their hooks at the prime minister's exclusive summer retreat Monday, in what's shaping up to be an annual fishing outing between the prime minister and the Toronto mayor.

The two men had good luck on the private lake north of Ottawa, Ford said Tuesday as he told CFRB talk show host Jim Richards about their outing at Harrington Lake.

"We hooked into a few nice bass ... went up there and had a great time," Ford said.

As they floated around the quiet lake, Ford said, the two politicians talked about the proposed redistribution of federal ridings that would add two new ridings to Toronto, 15 in all across Ontario.

And they chatted about Ford's own plan to cut the size of council to 22 or 25 seats, down from 44 now. The two leaders also discussed their upcoming elections — the municipal vote in 2014 and the federal election a year later.

Harper "likes fishing," Ford said, who brought along his own tackle and bought leeches and worms for bait. "I don't think he's into it as much as I am." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mayor Rob Ford, seen here at 43 Division after the Danzig shootings, were fishing at the PM's exclusive summer retreat Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"We were pulling in, I would say — and I'm not exaggerating — 4-, 5-pound bass. Oh, it's beautiful. There (are) tons of fish up there." Mayor Rob Ford

Coma. Woman to be flown home 'by end of week'

Anna Leibenko could be back in the GTA within days.

The 24-year-old Thornhill resident slipped on a catamaran while vacationing in Croatia with friends and suffered a head injury. She did not have travel insurance.

Leibenko remains in hospital in Split, Croatia, on life support. Her mother and friends are still by her side, while in Toronto friends have organized fundraisers to help her get home.

Thornhill MPP Peter Shurman called on the community to help raise funds, and the Toronto Argonauts Cheerleader team produced a video asking people to support the former Argos cheerleader. According to the fundraising website, $132,000 has been raised to cover hospital bills and an air ambulance trip home.

"We're really happy with that," Leibenko's friend Karina Vottchal said from Croatia.

Vottchal, who is flying home Thursday, said Leibenko and her mother will be on a plane "at the end of the week" but details are still being confirmed.

Angels of Flight, a Peterborough based company that co-ordinates medical evacuations, will be involved, she said.

Anna Leibenko. SUPPLIED PHOTO

President Gail Courneyea said she is talking with Toronto hospitals to ensure an ICU space is available. Once doctors in Croatia declare Leibenko stable and release her, she will come home, probably hooked up to life-support machines for the duration of the $84,000 flight, with a doctor and medical staff on board.

Leibenko had no insurance, but Courneyea said her company also sees many people who bought it nevertheless stranded because of conditions on their policies. She cautioned people to read policy details carefully before travelling. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Operating subsidy

City's support for Toronto Zoo up for debate

Some Toronto councillors are concerned that the board of the Toronto Zoo is consolidating land and animals under its control to clear the way for selling or leasing the zoo.

Such a move would sideline city council, which provides an annual operating subsidy that totalled $11.1 million in 2012.

At present, council has a say in animal welfare issues. That stirred controversy as well as angry opposition from zoo personnel when, last October, council decided to override the board and send the zoo's three aging elephants Iringa, Toka and Thika to a California sanctuary.

The site's mixed ownership is also seen as an impediment to a sale or other arrangement that would ease the city's burden of ongoing support to the zoo.

Most of the 280-hectare property in northeast Scarborough is actually owned by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Spotting a subliminal slide show

CN Tower. Mounties, flags and flowers flicker across the tower each night, as Avi Salem learned by piecing images together

At left is a screen grab of the video made by a local visual-effects compositor Avi Salem, which shows what those CN Tower images look like after they've been pieced back together. Salem, seen here at right, managed to put together the composition out of tiny images that spit out in slivers during the CN Tower's light show every night. LEFT: YOUTUBE RIGHT: VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A word to the curious: Once you read this, you'll probably find yourself squinting in the dark at the CN Tower's elevator shaft, searching for lit-up Mounties.

A local visual effects compositor has pieced back together slivers of images beamed from the tower's flashing hourly light show and put the results on YouTube. It turns out that among the pictures subliminally emitted through the 252 LED lights lining the elevator's shaft is a group of Mounties and their horses, a trillium and a bed of flowers.

The way CN Tower operations manager Tom Mellon explains it, each image is panned through the lighting in sequence from right to left, over about 10 seconds' time. But viewers only see a two-pixel width of the image at a time. What is visible of the picture appears in slits, much like old-time animations that feature an image running behind a narrow opening. The result: flickering lights that look little like the original picture.

"This is the first man to see it," Mellon said of the reconstructed images spit back out in compositor Avi Salem's decidedly cool video.

The light display on the 553-metre tourist attraction is a tourist staple, bathed in red for Canada Day, for example, or rainbow colours for Pride. But when a friend pointed out the slowly unfurling Mounties, the fact that images were being used to produce the show came as news to Salem — as it probably will for many Torontonians.

The images, employed for five years now, aren't officially a secret, but they haven't drawn much notice.

Curious, Salem, 30, set up a camera on the balcony of his condo in Liberty Village, with a clear view of the tower. Using composite software that grabbed frames of the show every few seconds, he was able to slide images across his screen and put them back together like a puzzle to reconstruct the full pictures.

Mellon and his team chose decidedly Canadian images as a patriotic gesture.

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Flashing lights

It was back in 2007 when the CN Tower installed its $2.5-million LED light system, replacing an old energy-sucking one. Each of the fixtures can be individually controlled.

SIU

Police officers cleared of deaths in separate cases

The Special Investigations Unit cleared two police officers on Tuesday for separate incidents involving fatalities.

A Toronto police officer was found not responsible in connection with the death of a woman struck by a police cruiser in a funeral procession on July 28.

The victim, 64-year-old Satyawatti Katryan, was crossing Highway 27 and didn't see the cruiser, which struck her at about 44 km/h.

A Niagara Region police officer was found not responsible for the death of Ryan Dube, 18, who fell to his death in the Niagara Gorge after a police chase on July 24.

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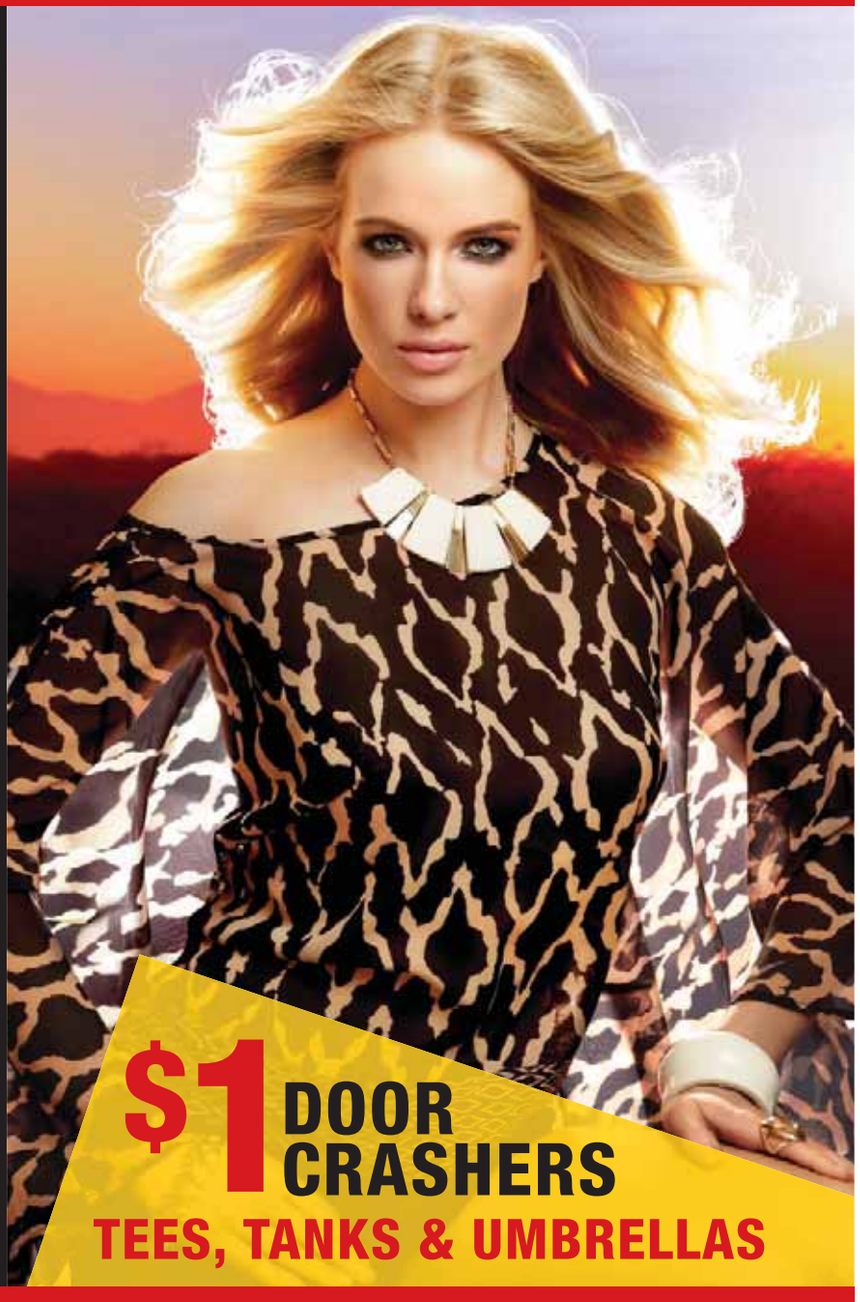

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Norwegian PM apologizes for mistakes during massacre

Emergency response. Government promises new plan to deal with crises after 500-page report exposes flaws

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg on Tuesday apologized for flaws in the response to last year's bomb-and-gun rampage by a right-wing extremist who killed 77 people.

Stoltenberg also pledged sweeping measures to improve terror preparedness, telling lawmakers that the government will adopt an emergency plan to deal with crises. The plan entails establishing of a new emergency-response centre, improving co-operation between rescue teams and better flow of information between officials.

His address to Parliament came in the wake of a 500-page report by a government-appointed commission that exposed shortcomings in the Scandinavian country's crisis preparedness and highlighted police blunders during the July 22, 2011, attacks when Anders Behring Breivik gunned down 69 people on Utoya island after exploding a bomb in central Oslo, killing eight.

Breivik, who was convicted of terror and given a 21-year prison sentence that can be extended for as long as he's considered a threat to society, told the court that he had expected to be killed by police.

Instead, their bungled response allowed him to hunt down panicked teenagers on Utoya for more than an hour before they arrested him.

On Tuesday, Stoltenberg conceded that as head of government he held the highest responsibility and that it had taken that responsibility and led the nation in the aftermath of the massacre.

Still, he conceded that mistakes had been made and, listing the main conclusions of the report, he said: "For this I apologize."

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Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg, centre, pays tribute to victims of the twin attacks before a memorial service at Oslo Cathedral on Sunday. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yasser Arafat

Was Palestinian leader poisoned?

French prosecutors opened a murder inquiry into the death of Yasser Arafat on Tuesday, his widow's lawyer said, after she and a TV investigation raised new questions about whether the Palestinian leader was poisoned. A Swiss lab's recent finding of elevated levels of polonium-210 — a rare and highly lethal radioactive substance — on Arafat's clothing has fed claims Arafat was poisoned. However, the Institute of Radiation Physics said its findings were inconclusive.

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Ukraine

Opposition leader makes court appeal

Lawyers for Ukraine's jailed opposition leader, Yulia Tymoshenko, appealed to Europe's human-rights court Tuesday as her only hope for a fair hearing, accusing the government of rigging the criminal case against her. A lawyer for the government denied any political motive.

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Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney with his wife Ann and his vice-presidential running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, far right, and Ryan's wife, Janna, during a campaign rally in Manassas, Va., on Aug. 11. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Republicans officially nominate Romney

Presidential race. Polls show Romney, Obama in dead heat, with the economy the top issue in the campaign

Republicans bestowed their presidential nomination on Mitt Romney on Tuesday, turning to the former Massachusetts governor and millionaire businessman to drive Barack Obama from the White House and usher in a new era of small-government conservatism.

The overwhelming, enthusiastic vote of delegates at the Republican National Convention belied Romney's long, difficult road to the party's nomination: losing to Sen. John McCain four years ago and fending off a series of rivals in a brutal nomination fight this year.

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Hurricane Isaac

Republican exuberance was tempered as Hurricane Isaac neared the Gulf of Mexico, likely to strike the same states hit by Hurricane Katrina seven years ago.

- The storm prompted Republicans to cancel the first day of the convention.

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Syrian opposition exiles pen plan for democracy

Skeptics. Rebels and civilians doubt leaders' plan will effect change

In the foreign halls of power, the strategy is clear: Syria's opposition should unite to present an alternative to Bashar Assad's rule — a step France's president says would lead to diplomatic recognition.

As a move toward unity, Syrian exiles from the main opposition Syrian National Council and other groups unveiled a blueprint Tuesday in the German capital of Berlin for transition to a democratic, transparent society free of religious and ethnic favouritism.

But rebels and civilians in the bomb-shattered Syrian town of Azaz near the Turkish border view such talk as hollow. They are deeply skeptical of all exiled leaders and believe what really matters is their fight on the ground to overthrow the regime.

"They have never come up with a united position that will save the people," said Fadi Hajji, 25, who had been camped out along the Syrian border in Turkey with his wife and two infant daughters for five days. "All they are good at is arguing. They don't represent anyone here and they don't help."

With no end to the carnage in sight, French President Francois Hollande called on the Syrian opposition Monday to form a provisional government, saying France would recognize and support it.

Hollande's statement is believed to be the first of its kind.

Many in the SNC have been hoping the world community would impose a safe zone along the Turkish border, possibly extending to a no-fly zone over at least some areas, and would more openly supply weapons and ammunition to rebels. The disparate groups are also each hoping for support in any power struggle that might follow a collapse of the Assad regime.

A girl, who fled her home with her family due to fighting between Syrian government troops and rebels, plays with her little sister, as she and her family take refuge at a border crossing Tuesday. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As the war inside Syria appears to be grinding to a stalemate, so too is the political struggle. Most foreign powers want to see unity before giving support but the opposition is unable or unwilling to put aside their differences and unite.

Absent a united opposition, the dilemma facing the United States and its Western allies is uncertainty over who inside Syria might emerge with real power after Assad.

Their fear is that the collapse of the four-decade regime ruled by the Assads — Bashar succeeded his father Hafez 12 years ago — could unleash a fierce power struggle in which al-Qaida and other Islamic extremists could gain a foothold. With Syria bordering NATO member Turkey, combustible Lebanon with its powerful Hezbollah militia, unstable Iraq, and a nervous Israel with which it has a territorial dispute over the Golan Heights, it's a daunting prospect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

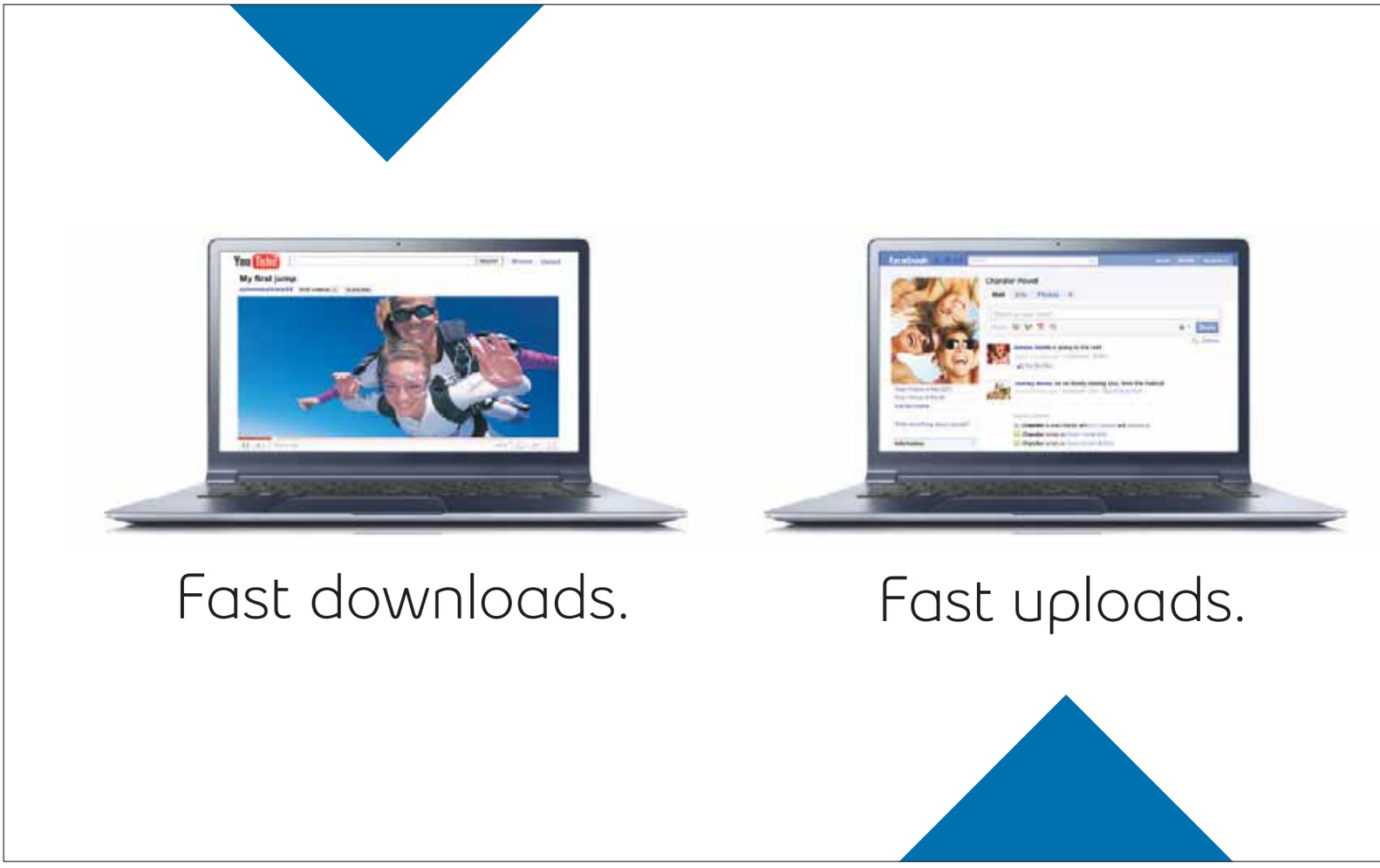
Infighting

United they'll stand?

Since the uprising began in March last year, Syria's opposition has been plagued by divisions and infighting. In addition to the SNC, several other opposition groups are known to be making similar plans for a provisional government, including a new alliance headed by veteran opposition figure Haitham Maleh.

The strains within the opposition were also evident on Tuesday when the Paris-based SNC spokeswoman Bassma Kodmani, a founding member of the group, resigned. She said the SNC had veered off course.

Syrians, who fled their homes due to fighting asking the Turkish government to let them



between the Syrian army and the rebels, shout slogans as they march toward the Turkish side of the border, during a protest enter their refugee camps, at a border crossing near the Syrian town of Azaz Tuesday. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jordan. 1,200 defectors housed in secret compound

In an isolated stretch of Jordanian desert, a heavily guarded, undisclosed compound houses 1,200 senior police and army officers who defected from nearby Syria.

The men live in trailers with fans but no air conditioning, surrounded by barbed wire, and they pass their days browsing the Internet and watching TV for news of Syria's civil war, longing to join the fight — but they are largely unable to leave.

The Jordanian military runs the camp near a site formerly used by the U.S. to train some of its forces for the war in Iraq, and the defectors are debriefed by intelligence agents. Access to them is tightly restricted for their own protection. They are even separated from their families, who live outside the camp near the northern border city of Mafraq but can get special police permits to visit.

The defectors in the camp are allowed to communicate with the rebel Free Syrian Army in Jordan and abroad, both in person and through telephone and Internet communications, but do not have what is considered valuable intelligence, according to Jordanian security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to make press statements.

The facility is a sign of Jordan's growing role as a quiet supporter of Syria's opposition. But at the same time, Jordan wants to avoid aggravating tensions with its more powerful northern neighbour, fearing that President Bashar Assad may remain in power.

There are more than 160,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan, and their number is increasing by the thousands every day. About 8,000 live in a newly set up camp on the border, while the rest are scattered across Jordan.

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"It's good to be here, away from the tension and war, but this is not what I had hoped for."

Khaldoun (no last name given), former Syrian army brigadier, on being unable to join the rebels on the frontlines.

Cyprus

7 Syrians aboard sunk boat dead: UN

The UN refugee agency says seven Syrians who were aboard a fishing boat that sank off the north coast of Cyprus late last week have died.

Agency spokeswoman Melissa Fleming says four men, one woman, and two children died. She says there also were two survivors who were later arrested on smuggling charges.

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Transitional government

U.S. gets flak for saying too soon

The head of the main Syrian opposition group seeking to oust President Bashar Assad criticized U.S. officials Tuesday for saying it was premature to speak about a transitional Syrian government.

The comments came on the same day a car bomb ripped through a Damascus suburb, killing 12 people, according to Syria's official state news agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mid-air ruckus

A charge lifted for senator's wife

The wife of Manitoba Sen. Rod Zimmer is no longer charged with endangering the safety of an aircraft.

The charge was dropped Tuesday when Maygan Sensenberger, 23, appeared in court in Saskatoon.

She is still accused of causing a disturbance and uttering threats. Saskatoon police arrested her after a flight from Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Waves crash over a causeway in Navarre, Fla., on Tuesday as Isaac churned toward the U.S. coast.
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Big Easy braced for deadly Isaac

White House sounds a warning. 'Now is not the time to tempt fate,' says Obama as Category 1 hurricane puts cities in jeopardy

A roiling tropical storm with the innocent-sounding name of Isaac turned into a potential mass killer late Tuesday.

Isaac became a full-blown Category 1 hurricane as it churned its way toward the U.S. Gulf Coast and zeroed in on New Orleans — the Big Easy.

As Isaac made landfall in southeast Louisiana, tens of thousands of people hunkered down behind boarded-up windows with stockpiles of food and water.

And New Orleans waited nervously behind flood-defence levees strengthened after devastating hurricane Katrina struck exactly seven years ago.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Isaac, with 128 km/h winds, had gained strength as it moved over the warm, open waters of the Gulf.

"Now is not the time to tempt fate," U.S. President Barack Obama warned from the White House.

"You need to take this seriously."

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu did not activate a mandatory evacuation for Isaac. Instead, officials urged residents to hunker down and make do with the supplies they had.

"We don't expect a Katrina-like event, but remember there are things about a Category 1 storm that can kill you," Landrieu said.

"Isaac is the son of Abraham," said Margaret Thomas, who chose to stay put in New Orleans. "It's a special name that means 'God will protect us.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massacre. Families in furor over fundraising

Caren and Tom Teves, who lost a son in the Colorado shooting, at a news conference Tuesday.
CHRIS SCHNEIDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anguished family members of victims of the Colorado movie massacre lashed out at organizers of a fundraising campaign Tuesday.

They claimed more than $5 million has been collected "using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones."

But so far, they said, no more than $5,000 has been given to each of the families facing bills for medical treatment and other expenses.

The families also said they've been shut out of decisions on how the money should be spent.

"When you generate donations for a fund called 'the Aurora Victim Relief Fund' using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones, it would stand to reason the fund is for victims of the Aurora shooting," said Tom Teves, whose son Alex was one of 12 people killed in the July 20 shootings.

The suspect in the shootings, 24-year-old James Eagan Holmes, is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder. The next hearing in the case is Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Online security

Java susceptible to hacking: Experts

Computer security experts are warning about a new vulnerability involving the ubiquitous Java plug-in, which allows programs to be run inside a web browser. Oracle, the creator of Java, has long been criticized for allowing security exploits in its software to go unchecked. The latest vulnerability, which has been circulating since last week, could allow hackers to gain access to a user's computer with a so-called "drive-by download."

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Lincoln luxury rolls into China

Ford Motor Co. unveils its Lincoln concept car at a converted 600-year-old temple in Beijing on Tuesday. Ford, eager to grab a piece of China's growing luxury market, plans to start selling Lincoln vehicles there in 2014 — the first time that the nearly 100-year-old brand will be available in China. The Lincolns sold in China will be made in North America, at least initially. FORD MOTOR CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Samsung facing a rethink following Apple patent verdict

'Fast follower.' South Korean tech giant must now figure out how to tackle the challenge of moving from imitation to innovation

A U.S. jury's $1-billion US verdict against Samsung for what rival Apple claimed was the illegal copying of its iPhone and iPad designs signals a turning point for the South Korean electronics giant known for its prowess in adapting the innovations of others and nimbly executing production.

Strict hierarchy

- Samsung's top-heavy command structure has enabled speedy and bold investment and swift execution. That, plus the ability to build on the innovations of others, has helped Samsung become the world's largest maker of televisions, memory chips, LCD panels and now smartphones.

Samsung finds itself in a position of having to recreate itself as an innovator, not an imitator. But the switch, experts say, will be much more challenging and time-consuming than the shortcuts Samsung used to take.

Samsung has long been regarded as a "fast follower" — imitating or licensing technologies and then competing by lowering costs, improving quality and adding functions.

When Apple released its cutting-edge iPhone in 2007, Samsung employees were likely too pressed to catch up to scrutinize possible patent encroachments.

Still, Samsung outsold Apple this year in smartphones by offering more variety, including low-end phones for price-conscious consumers.

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Media. Harry photos spur complaints

Prince Harry THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain's Press Complaints Commission says it has received some 3,600 complaints over The Sun's decision to publish nude photos of Britain's Prince Harry.

The tabloid was the only national newspaper to carry the pictures, which first appeared online and quickly became an international talking point.

They captured the prince frolicking in the nude after what was alleged to have been a game of strip billiards in his Las Vegas hotel room.

It is unlikely any action will be taken against The Sun, which said it published the photos in the public interest.

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It happened overnight.

One day, people went about their business, sharp and alert, and then, the very next day, the streets and roads were filled with slack-jawed zombies peering into little screens, tapping compulsively on little keypads, oblivious to anyone and anything around them.

Smartphones have almost instantly turned us all, well, many of us anyway, into stupid people.

People who drive into each other at high speeds because they're too busy tapping LOL into their smartphones.

People who try to order lunch in a busy lineup at the same time agreeing with their girlfriend (who is somewhere else) that all men are, like, totally potting soil.

People who block street corners and doorways and elevators, breathing through their mouths, inert.

People who drop their smartphones into the urinal while updating their fantasy football roster.

People who go out for dinner and text each other across the table.

I could go on. In fact, I will. There's even a Facebook page called Smart Phones, Stupid People. And they're not kidding.

Arrive alive: Think and drive

There's a story about a stupid man who was so busy downloading an app on his smartphone while he was driving that it wasn't until he got home, parked his van in the driveway and police came to his door, he learned he ran over a 300-pound man in the street.

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There's a photo of a truck with a message on the back: "Don't text and drive: Yours may be on the next shipment: Batesville Casket Company."

There's a story about how people with smartphones have become such a danger to themselves and others in Fort Lee, N.J., that the local police chief has officers ticketing people on the spot. He had to do something as there have already been 23 text-related pedestrian accidents since January.

And finally, there's the story of the Stupidest Person Ever. A college student (named Chance, LOL) from Texas was driving when he texted to his friend: "I need to quit texting, because I could die in a car accident." He then immediately drove off a bridge and over a cliff. He suffered a broken neck, a crushed face, a fractured skull, and brain trauma. How could that be? He has no brain.

Believe it or not, distracted smartphone-related driving led to 3,000 road fatalities in the U.S. last year. If this keeps up, an entire generation will go over the cliff along with Chance.

At that point, the meek and a few others who can't afford a smartphone shall inherit the Earth.

At last, IMHO.

Texting while driving is nothing to LOL about. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB

Game of cat and mouse continues

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Mouse play

British PM's cat snatches a mouse

Larry, the Downing Street cat, is seen on patrol.

The tabby recruited by British Prime Minister David Cameron to ward off mice at his official residence, 10 Downing Street, has recorded his first kill in months. A Downing Street spokeswoman says a staff member found the five-year-old Chief Mouser Tuesday sitting outside the famous black door with a dead mouse. Larry, a former stray, has been known to take a relaxed approach to his duties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Cameron

Heathrow expansion

Kill made at same time as MP's mouse call

The timing couldn't have been better: On Tuesday, a member of Cameron's Conservative Party was questioning whether the leader was "man or mouse" over his opposition to the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

Tim Yeo is pressing Cameron to change his mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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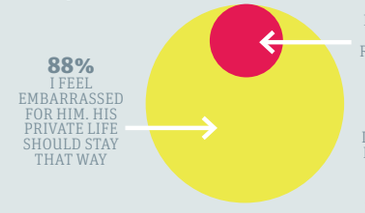
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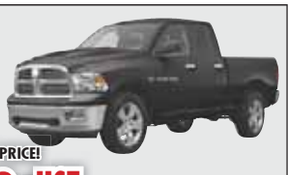

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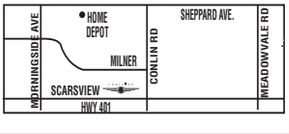

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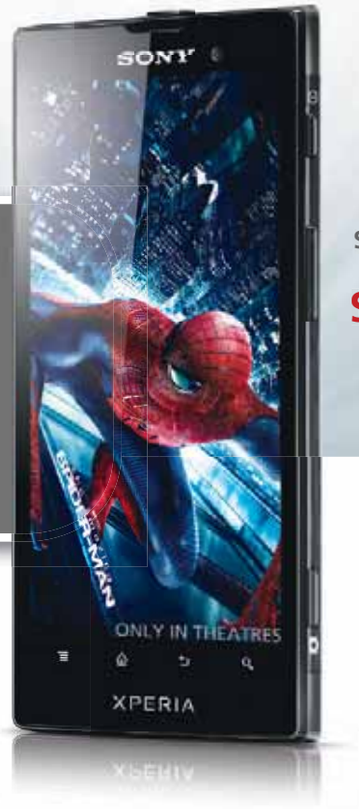

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Movie reviews

Lawless

Director. John Hillcoat

Stars. Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce

Lawless sees director John Hillcoat once more teaming up with cult gothic rock god Nick Cave for a violent, meandering, macho shoot em up. The results are less weighty than their previous Cave penned collaborations, Ghosts of the Civil Dead and The Proposition, in fact, despite the ample bloodshed and agony on screen, Lawless is actually kind of a — gasp — good time.

Not words you'd expect from the man who gave us the bleaker than death adaptation of The Road but the film, which sees Shia LaBeouf as a gentle younger sibling to a fierce brood of prohibition era moonshiners is painted with such broad, arch strokes and is filled with such buoyant roots music — the best soundtrack of its kind since O Brother Where Art Thou — that only the hardest heart wouldn't smile. There's equally fantastic performances from LaBeouf, Hillcoat regular Guy Pierce (in pure Snidely Whiplash ultra-villain role) and especially, the imposing Tom Hardy, re-channelling his Bane character as a hardened, but gallant, thug with a moral code. Even Hardy's Dark Knight cast mate Gary Oldman shows up and steals scenes as a psycho tommy gun wielding gangster. Mixing action and even western tropes with fine, sepia soaked period detail and detours of visual and aural poetry, Lawless is an immersive joy and one of the finest films of the year. CHRIS ALEXANDER

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A young girl starts displaying disturbing behaviour after purchasing an old artifact in The Possession. HANDOUT

Scary? Yes, but don't call it a horror movie, actor says

The Possession.
New film more of a character piece, says Jeffrey Dean Morgan

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Jeffrey Dean Morgan is all for you getting scared watching The Possession — about a young girl who starts displaying disturbing behaviour after her family purchases an old Hebrew artifact — but it's not a horror movie, he swears.

Morgan, who plays the girl's beleaguered dad in the film, makes his pitch for The Possession as a character piece and offers some insight on why audiences can't get enough of exorcisms.

What was the initial draw for you for this project?
Everybody wants to label this as a horror movie, and I never considered it to be a horror movie going in.

It actually had a story to it, and I'm so used to horror movies this day and age being found footage, shaky camera, just a f—ing visual onslaught of gore.

This movie actually had a story and it reminded me of the movies that I thought were scary — The Exorcist and Rosemary's Baby and The Omen — where you could become invested in those characters. This had that. (I play) a recently divorced guy trying to be a good father and sort of failing miserably with two teenage daughters.

So you've got a family that's kind of been troubled at the heart of this. And then of course there's demons inside people, so there's that (laughs).

But it's really, I think, a character piece. I think it really gives the opportunity for us to act and for (director) Ole (Bornedal) to direct, and that helps a great deal when doing this kind of thing.

Why do you think demonic possession continues to be such a popular topic for horror films?
Yeah, I mean people go see these movies, for sure. I don't know, I didn't ever really put it together but it's always the kid who gets possessed, and the parents are trying to, I guess, save the day — with a priest or a rabbi, I guess, in our case.

But I just think a child getting possessed is... what is more horrific for a parent than that? And I think that's something that maybe people can somehow relate to. And what 11-year-old girl isn't possessed?

Plus so many of them purport to be based on true stories.
There is that element of it could happen, maybe. I'm a skeptic when it comes to all that paranormal activity and craziness and possession, but in doing the little bit of research that I did for this movie, there's some scary s— out there. You can see it on the Internet, actual exorcisms and stuff that have happened.

I've got to wonder how that is there. I mean, it doesn't look staged to me, and it's superscary. But I think there's that element that this could be a real thing. And people argue that it absolutely is a real thing, and I think because of that it's interesting subject matter.

Inanimate objects can be evil too

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We can all imagine the fear that comes along with being chased by a werewolf. Or waking up to find Dracula staring down at you. They are living, breathing (or in Drac's case, dead and not so breathing, but you get the idea) embodiments of evil. But how about inanimate objects? Have you ever been terrified of a lamp? Or creeped out by a tire?

In this weekend's The Possession, a Dybbuk Box purchased at a yard sale brings misfortune to everyone who comes in contact with it.

It's not the first time that the movies have imbued an inert object with evil powers.

There have been loads of haunted houses in the movies. In most of them, however, the house is merely a vessel for a spirit or some unseen entity that makes its presence know by making the walls bleed or randomly slamming doors. Rarer is the house that is actually evil.

Stephen King wrote about a house that eats people in the third installment of his Dark Tower series. On screen Robert Zemeckis and Steven Spielberg visualized the idea in the appropriately titled Monster House.

In this animated movie three teens figure out the house across the street is a man-eating monster.

By the time they got around to the fourth installment of the most famous haunted house series, the Amityville Horror, filmmakers had to figure out a new plotline apart from the tired "new owners move in to the house, get freaked out leave," storyline. In The Amityville Horror: The Evil Escapes, a cursed lamp causes all sorts of trouble when it is shipped from the evil Long Island house to a Californian mansion.

Much weirder is Rubber, the story of a killer tire — yes, you read that right — with psychokinetic powers — think Carrie with treads — who terrorizes the American southwest. It's an absurdist tract on how and why we watch movies, what entertainment is and the movie business, among other things. But frankly, mostly it's about a tire rolling around the desert and while there is something kind of hypnotic about watching the tire on its murderous journey — think Natural Born Killers but round and rubbery — that doesn't mean Rubber is a good movie.

Finally, think bed bugs are bad? How about a hungry bed? The title of this one sums it up: Death Bed: The Bed that Eats.

On the web

'The Walking Dead' actor Scott Wilson arrested in Georgia on drunken driving charge

Christina Aguilera says upcoming disc is a 'rebirth' after years in music industry

New music. Pop star has been through a lot since her last album, including a divorce from music mogul Jordan Bratman

Christina Aguilera, a coach on NBC's singing contest The Voice, will perform the first single, Your Body, on the show on Sept. 17. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christina Aguilera is comparing her upcoming album to a "rebirth."

With more than a decade in the music business behind her, the album will be a culmination of "everything I've experienced up until this point," the 31-year-old pop star said in a recent interview.

"I've been through a lot since the release of my last album, being on (The Voice), having had a divorce," she said. "This is all sort of a free rebirth for me."

Aguilera and Jordan Bratman were married for five years before she filed for divorce in 2010. They have a four-year-old son, Max.

Her new album's first single, Your Body, was produced by Max Martin, who also produced Aguilera's last hit, the Maroon 5 smash Moves Like Jagger, where she was featured.

"I'm embracing many different things, but it's all feel-good," she said of the album's material, including tracks that are "super expressive" and fun, with moments that are "super vulnerable."

The new album, which is without a release date or announced title, will feature fellow Voice coach Cee Lo Green and comes two years after Aguilera's lacklustre Bionic, which has sold 310,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

That album featured electronic and dance-flavoured tracks as well as pop ballads; it's her only album to not reach platinum status.

"In the fashion that I always like to put forth, it's very self-expressive and it's all heartfelt," Aguilera said of her new material.

Adam Levine, Maroon 5 frontman and a Voice coach, told Aguilera at a recent news conference for the show that he'd heard Your Body and added, "I hate you because it's so good."

Aguilera will perform the song on NBC's The Voice on Sept. 17. The show's third season starts Sept. 10.

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Sheeran releases debut, collaborates with Swift

You Oughta Know Tour. The man behind multiple tracks for multiple acts has already sold 1 million units in U.K. from first solo album

Ed Sheeran never wanted to be in a boy band, but when he wrote a song called Moments when he was 15, he knew it would someday be a perfect song for a male group.

Luckily for Sheeran, his friends — the English pop quintet One Direction — needed a song, and asked the breakthrough singer to send something their way.

"It was always a song that I always intended for a boy band. I was like, 'This is my boy band song, but I'm never going to sing it,'" Sheeran, now 21, recalled. "I just held on to it for a long period of time."

Moments, a pop ballad, made its way as a bonus track to One Direction's platinum-selling debut album, Up All Night, released in March.

He's teaming up again with One Direction for the group's sophomore album, and recently wrote and recorded songs with Taylor Swift for her upcoming fourth album, Red. He was tight-lipped about the collaboration, but said the experience was a "breath of fresh air" because of Swift's colossal success.

Ed Sheeran, who wrote the pop ballad Moments, performed by One Direction, recently wrote and recorded songs with Taylor Swift for her upcoming fourth album. CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"As a person, Taylor's such a sweetheart," he said in a recent interview. "(She's) the perfect example of what musicians should be and how they should work and react. She just loves music and she's not in it for anything else."

Quote

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Speaking about writing a song called Moments when he was 15.

English-born Sheeran says he has more than 100 tracks dedicated to other acts. But he isn't just providing tunes for others; he's busy promoting his own songs.

His debut album has sold more than 1 million units in the United Kingdom since its release last September. It was released in the United States in June, where it debuted at No. 5 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart.

He describes his sound as a mix of "folk, acoustic, hip-hop, soul, everything." His influences range from Damien Rice to James Morrison to Jay-Z.

"I started rapping probably before I started singing," said Sheeran, who will kick off the VH1 You Oughta Know Tour With Ed Sheeran on Sept. 8 in Orlando, Fla. "I was really into Eminem when ... The Slim Shady LP came out. ... I wasn't allowed to have it 'cause he swears a lot."

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Backbeat the word is on the street

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Backbeat is showing until Sept. 2 in Toronto. CYLLA VON TIEDEMANN

Before there was One Direction there were the Beatles.

The story of the Fab Four: John, Paul, George and Ringo, has entered popular lore as instantaneous as Beatlemania arrived on North American shores. However, in true behind the music fashion, the story of the Beatles isn't as clean-cut as the frenzy.

Before the Beatles were the Fab Four, they were the Fab Five, toiling in relative obscurity, playing shows in Hamburg's red light district.

Celebrating this period of anonymity is the latest Mirvish musical, Backbeat, which is based on the movie of the same name.

Both the play and the musical explore the friendships which came to cement who the Beatles were, just as they veered onto the cusp of rock 'n' roll royalty.

Backbeat is set to some of most well-known Beatles songs, including: Love Me Do, P.S. I Love You, Twist & Shout, Rock 'N' Roll Music, Long Tall Sally, Please Mr. Postman and Money (That's What I want).

Backbeat is on only until Sept. 2 at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre. Limited edition rush seats are available for only $29.

And don't forget that the second inTO event, Ah Sey One, a spirited experiential reggae happening featuring Cameron Bailey (TiFF) and a member of the Brendan Canning (of Broken Social Scene) is next week Aug. 29.

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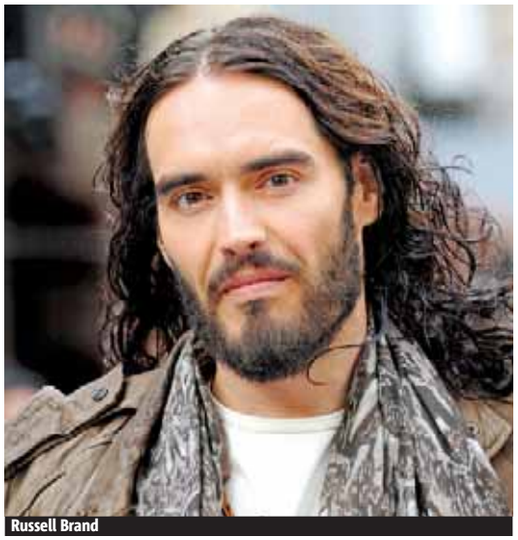

Russell Brand

Brand linked to fellow Brit Ginger Spice

A month after finalizing his divorce from American pop star Katy Perry, British comedian Russell Brand is apparently sticking closer to home. Brand is reportedly dating Spice Girls member Geri Halliwell, according to the Sun.

Brand and Halliwell, who hung out during the Olympics closing ceremony earlier this month, were recently spotted out and about at Hampton Court Palace along with Halliwell's 6-year-old daughter. Halliwell, for her part, admits there's a new special someone in her life — but she's leaving it at that. "I'm not going into details," she tells Hello! Magazine. "Right now there's nothing serious."

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The Word

Lohan a suspect in theft — yes, again

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Although her name was initially cleared, Lindsay Lohan is now officially a suspect in the theft of $100,000 worth of valuables from a Hollywood home. Last week, police were called to the home of Sam Magid after Lohan, her assistant and others spent the night partying. Here's where things get messy, even in Lohan's world: Magid claimed that insanely expensive sunglasses and watches were missing, but later recanted his story. Then, on Monday, two of Lohan's friends — including Andrew Knight, son of hip-hop mogul Suge Knight — stopped by Magid's house with some of the stolen items that they claim Lohan gave them, reports TMZ. What's Lohan have to say for herself? Quite a bit.

According to TMZ, she claims that she was in an Ambien fog that night but does remember hiding jewelry, watches and Tiffany silverware out of fear they would be stolen by other guests.

As for anything that actually did walk off, she blames Knight. Lindsay's father, Michael Lohan, is calling the accusation against his daughter an unfair "witch hunt" — presumably because he forgot she stole a necklace from a high-end jewelry store last year, resulting in a months-long, soul-crushing courtroom circus. Must be nice, Michael. Must be nice.

Bynes' hit-and-run cases under police scrutiny

Amanda Bynes' most recent hit-and-run incident has led investigators to renew their interest in a similar accident involving the actress from earlier this year, according to Hollyscoop. "Both of Amanda Bynes' hit and run cases are under review right now. I cannot say that we re-opened the original hit-and-run case because it was never closed," a spokesman for the L.A. City Attorney's office tells the website. "We are reviewing both cases with the LAPD and CHP, so both incidents are under investigation at this time. She has not been charged with anything as of yet. No dates have been set for arraignment or anything else with Amanda at this time." Both incidents — one in April and one in August — involve Bynes reportedly rear-ending another driver and then fleeing the scene.

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Enjoying rum, fish always better in the Caribbean

Barbados. Ever-popular tropical destination offers local, exotic and exciting food and drink

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As far as Caribbean islands go, there are few that are as robust in their food, wine and rum offerings than Barbados. From the weekly fish fry and rum shacks strewn along the roads across the island to truly fine rum and upscale restaurants, there's much to be enjoyed on the scenic island of Barbados.

For those looking to try the island's traditional fare, head to the St Lawrence Gap's many restaurants where you can get a taste of dishes like cou cou with flying fish, the national dish of Barbados, officially. Unofficially, there's also favourites like macaroni pie, Bajan pepper sauce and Toronto chef Mark McEwan's pick: "fish sandwiches" or fish cutters, best experienced at Cuz's Fish Stand on Pebbles Beach near Bridgetown.

Then, there's the famous fish fry. At Oistins on Friday and Saturday nights, you can get the day's catch fried or grilled, with a beer in hand and island music in the air.

"Instead of going to a museum like you would in Europe, you've got to get to Oistins for a fish fry when you're in Barbados," says celeb chef Marcus Samuelsson, who, like McEwan can be seen on the island during the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival.

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If you're vying for one final meal on the island, head to The Cliff Restaurant. Overlooking a private cove, watch the sun go down on the beachside patio with cocktail in hand while the wave comes in under the glow of romantic lit torches, setting the stage for one of the finest upscale wining and dining experiences on the island.

Want to spend time rubbing elbows with celebrity chefs while noshing on the best food, wine and rum Barbados has to offer? Then look no further than the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival.

This year, the festival will take place November 16 to 19, 2012 with celebrity chef events, cooking demonstrations, tastings and tours of rum distilleries, just to name a few.

This year's Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival will feature celebrity chefs like Canada's own chef Mark McEwan (head judge of Top Chef Canada and proprietor of Bymark and North 44 in Toronto, just to name a few) along with Marcus Samuelsson (chef of Red Rooster in New York City and winner of Top Chef Masters) and Stephanie Izard (chef of Girl and the Goat in Chicago, Top Chef winner) — just to name a few. Past years have seen the likes of Tim Love, Fergus Henderson, Ming Tsai and Tom Colicchio.

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Virginia craft brewers raise their glasses to burgeoning beer market

Drinkers kept hopping. Over the last five years, the state's small beermakers have forged quite the attraction for thirsty tourists

From Virginia's industrial outskirts of Richmond to the pastoral landscapes of the Blue Ridge Mountains and beyond, an army of artisans are turning their love of beer into business.

Armed with an arsenal of barley and hops, these craft brewers are looking to cash in on a growing interest in all things local, including alcoholic libations.

And recent changes to state law are helping craft brewers grow their business.

With about 40 craft breweries in the state, Virginia pales in comparison to U.S. states like California, Oregon and Colorado. But craft brewers in Virginia hope to build on the success of the state's wine industry, which has seen steady growth in recent years and continues to attract tourists seeking to enjoy the concoctions made by Virginia craftsmen.

For the first time, the state has designated August as Virginia Craft Beer month, highlighted by events at breweries, including a statewide festival and competition Saturday at the award-winning Devils Backbone Brewing Company in Nelson County.

"It's exciting right now. ... There's been a real movement in the last five years," said Mike Killelea, chairman of the Virginia Craft Brewers Guild and a brewer at Richmond's Legend Brewing Co. for more than five years.

"Within about two years, you're probably going to have a brewery within a short drive of pretty much every citizen in the commonwealth. ... My hope is that people become more aware of the great beer scene here."

"Craft brewers have become known for their innovation, so they take old world beer styles and have pushed the envelope — packing more flavour ... and doing modern twists on classic styles that often now have created completely different new world styles of beer," said Julia Herz, the craft beer program director at the Brewers Association.

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Quick facts

- **$9 billion.** The size of the craft brewery industry in the United States.
- **104,000.** The number of jobs craft brewers provide.
- **11.5 million.** The number of barrels of beer craft brewers sold in 2011.

Virginia artisans are turning their love of beer into a booming business. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Artist 'discovers' new way to view Christopher Columbus monument

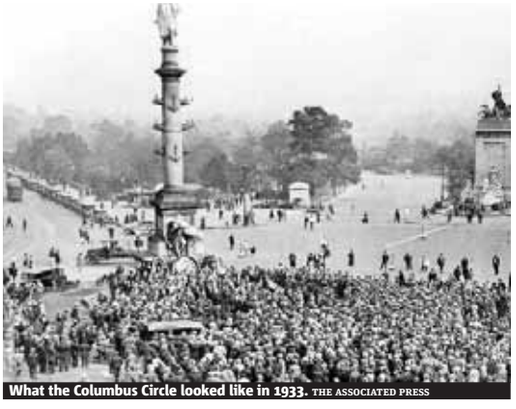
Controversial vision.
Plan to build art installation around iconic statue in Manhattan draws criticism

A Japanese artist is inviting the public to have an intimate view of Christopher Columbus high above a hectic intersection in midtown Manhattan.

Tatzu Nishi is constructing a contemporary living room on top of the Columbus Monument in Columbus Circle, where a 13-foot statue of Columbus is perched on a six-story column in the middle of a plaza where five busy streets intersect by an entrance to Central Park.

Some Italian-Americans say the art project makes a mockery of the great explorer and trivializes history.

Discovering Columbus, commissioned by the nonprofit Public Art Fund, is a free exhibition that will run from Sept. 20 to Nov. 18.


What the Columbus Circle looked like in 1933. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Columbus Circle as it looks today, awaiting Nishi's touch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nishi has encased the 70-foot-tall column in scaffolding and is in the process of erecting the living room — complete with couch, coffee table and lamps — around the figure of Columbus.

Visitors will climb stairs to reach the living room, where they will have a bird's-eye view of the city and Central Park. An elevator will be available for those who can't climb the stairs.

"Encasing this majestic statue in a cocoon of conceptual art demeans the community and trivializes history," said Rosario Iaconis, chairman of the Italic Institute of America, an education think-tank that represents about 1,000 Italians nationwide.

The fund said it received no objections to the art installation from other Italian groups, including the Columbus Citizens Foundation, a 600-member organization that sponsors the annual New York City Columbus Day Parade; the 50,000-member National Italian American Foundation in Washington, D.C.; and the Italian counsel general in New York.

Nicholas Baume, director and chief curator of the Public Art Fund, said he believed people's response to the piece will be different once they see it. "What Nishi's work is all about is drawing attention and giving access to the public to urban monuments, statues and architectural details that they wouldn't normally have access to and to present it in a new way that gives it a contemporary relevance and opens our eyes to something that is perhaps overlooked," he said.

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About Tatzu Nishi

- **The artist.** Discovering Columbus is Tatzu Nishi's first public art project in the United States. He's internationally known for transforming historical monuments by surrounding them with domestic spaces. His other works include Villa Victoria, a temporary functioning hotel around a statue of Queen Victoria for the 2002 Liverpool Biennial.

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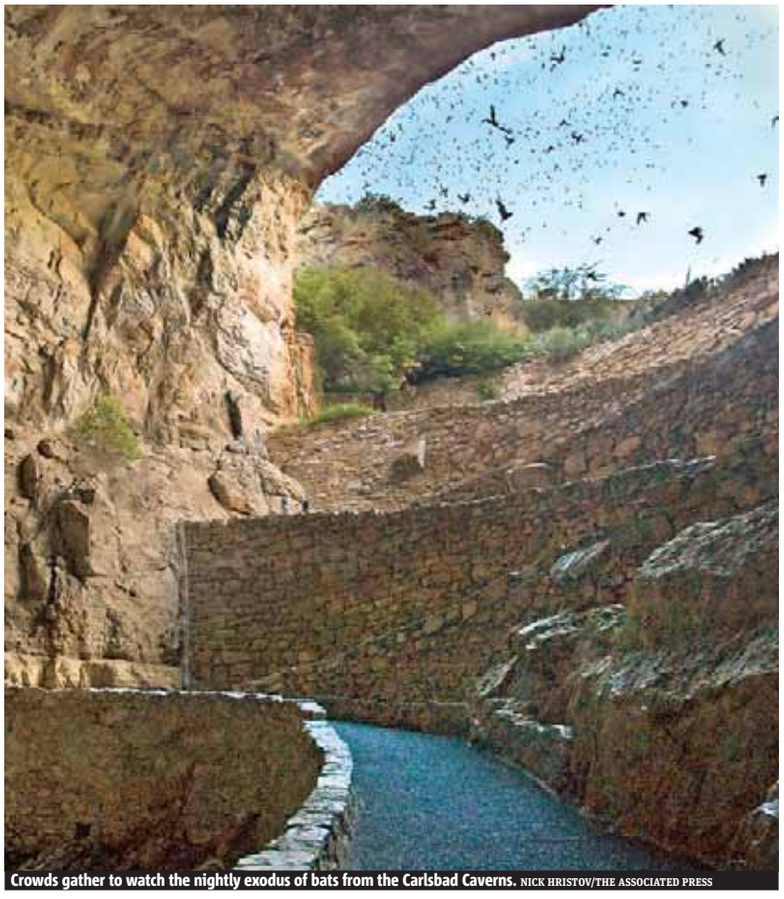

Crowds gather to watch the nightly exodus of bats from the Carlsbad Caverns. NICK HRISTOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The dark night rises in New Mexico with desert bat cave tour

Flight of fancy. Crowds brave the scorching summer heat to see young pups take to the sky

There's nothing like bats to draw a crowd to New Mexico's scorching Chihuahuan Desert in the late summer heat.

Several hundred people gathered a little before sunset one recent weekend outside the natural, open-mouth entrance to Carlsbad Caverns, eager to witness the nightly spectacle of bats spiraling out by the thousands and winging their way toward a buggy dinner.

With a pandemic disease killing millions of bats farther east, they wanted to see the impressive Carlsbad colony before it might be too late.

The caverns — home to perhaps 350,000 to 450,000 bats representing 16 species — are a big draw.

Visit at the hottest time of year and you'll see the colony swelled in numbers by new-flying pups.

White-nose syndrome, the mysterious fungal bat-killer, has biologists everywhere on guard. The disease is believed to have spread from New York state, destroying an estimated 5.5 million bats since 2006 in the eastern U.S. and Canada, as well as the Midwest. The telltale sign of affliction: white powdery fungus on the nose, ears, wings and feet.

Fortunately at least for Carlsbad Caverns, white-nose syndrome, or WNS, has yet to make it this far west. National Park Service biologist Renee West said there's reason to believe Carlsbad may luck out since its bats tend not to hibernate in winter. (The disease appears to target hibernating bats.)

When you consider a single bat can eat up to 1,000 bugs an hour — think yummy mosquitoes — the consequences are shocking. Besides a mosquito onslaught, farmers stand to lose billions of dollars from insect-ravaged crops.

No wonder then that the park service has set up a shoe-sanitizing depot outside Carlsbad Caverns for anyone who might have visited a WNS-infested cave.

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If you go

- **Carlsbad Caverns Bat Flight Program.** Carlsbad Caverns National Park at outdoor amphitheatre near natural entrance to cave. Every evening about hour before sunset from Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. Free. NPS.GOV/CAVE/PLANYOURVISIT/BAT-FLIGHT-PROGRAM.HTM OR 575-785-3012.

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Montenegro's allure comes from its contrast of landscapes — mountains, beaches and turquoise waters.

Luxury digs and a marina have upgraded Montenegro into an A-lister destination.

Montenegro — where 007 likes to play cards

All that glitters. Does tiny Balkan state live up to its glam portrayal in Casino Royale?

A newly developed luxury resort village called Porto Montenegro may finally be helping Montenegro's image catch up with its overly glamorous portrayal in the 2006 James Bond film Casino Royale.

Porto Montenegro — sometimes called the Monte Carlo of the Adriatic — has upgraded this tiny Balkan state from a favourite destination of average Russian and Serbian tourists to a mecca for some of the world's wealthiest people.

Located on the southern corner of the Adriatic Sea, the destination features a huge black-and-white-tiled infinity pool with a panoramic view of the turquoise-coloured water and rocky mountain peaks, Venetian-style waterfront luxury homes, a vibrant nautical village with top brand shops and restaurants, and a vast super-yacht marina for some of the finest boats afloat.

The marina — once a navy port and a dry dock for Yugoslav and Soviet warships — opened about a year ago and is a brainchild of Canadian billionaire Peter Munk, who wanted to invest in a less-congested French Riviera-style resort on a relatively remote and undiscovered European territory.

"We really see ourselves as playing a part in the renaissance of Montenegro's tourism, in particular in terms of the marina," said Matt Morley, brand and marketing manager of the marina.

"We get a real mix of customers visiting our marina," he said. "Of course, there is the A-list, the super-wealthy. One of the things that we offer is a greater sense of privacy than in a lot of other marinas out there, in the south of France or Sardinia, Italy, for example."

Locals like to brag about scenes from the Bond film, which showed their tiny, poor Balkan state as a neat and romantic place with modern trains and ornate infrastructure. Ironically, says Morley, "the film wasn't actually filmed in Montenegro, but there's a definite sense of mystique still, I think, about Montenegro."

Morley said a casino under construction in Porto Montenegro might even be named Casino Royale.

Much of Montenegro's allure comes from its shining mix of colours: aquamarine waters, green pine-forested mountains, blazing blue skies and white pebble beaches.

But if Montenegro is the jewel of the Adriatic, it's a rough and unpolished one. Its natural beauty is best seen from a plane landing at the seaside airport of Tivat, a 10-minute drive from Porto Montenegro.

Once on the ground, a different reality emerges: Visitors can be put off by narrow, bumpy and traffic-jammed roads lined with huge and often unfinished construction sites. Old communist-era decaying hotels dot the spectacular landscape. And the beaches can be overcrowded during the peak of the summer season in July and August.

In some ways, Porto Montenegro is trying to restore the exclusivity of an earlier era. Sveti Stefan is a tiny peninsula with sun-bleached limestone homes that turned from a fishing village to a luxury hotel complex in the 1960s, attracting famous visitors like Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Its 15th-century stone walls, narrow streets and tiny church were destroyed by an earthquake in 1979, then care-

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fully reconstructed bit by bit. Sveti Stefan lost much of its allure during the Balkan Wars, but today, its red tile roofs shimmer in the sunlight with oleander, bougainvillea and palms providing green and shade. Next to Sveti Stefan, the Queen's Beach offers peace and privacy for $92 per day per person.

Next door is Budva, Montenegro's biggest tourist resort, featuring a quaint, stonewalled Old Town with its warren of little lanes lined with shops and restaurants buzzing with activity. With its intact city walls, narrow streets and seaside cafes, Budva can seem like a vest-pocket version of Dubrovnik, the renowned Croatian resort on the border with Montenegro. Some of Montenegro's best restaurants — offering hors-d'oeuvres of traditional extra-dry ham and goat cheese dipped in olive oil — are located in Budva and in the neighbouring fishing village of Bigovo.

"Now we're getting these richer tourists on yachts," said Nikola Lazarevic, owner of the Grispolis restaurant in Bigovo, perched on a deep sea bay nestled between pristine hills covered with ancient olive trees.

"More money spent, better for us," Lazarevic said as he served delicious grilled fish spiced with garlic and parsley, coupled with famous Montenegrin Vranac red wine.

Such a meal together with the ham hors-d'oeuvre and the must-have "loza" (a strong brandy made from grapes) as a before-dinner drink, cost up $75 per person, without a customary 10 per cent tip. Even though Montenegro is not a European Union country, the euro is its official currency.

Since it split from much larger Serbia in 2006, Montenegro experienced a real estate boom, with mostly Russians and Britons investing en masse into new hotels, tourist resorts or even complete new villages.

"I think it's one of the most marvellous places in the world," said Dmitry Krysin, a plastic surgeon from Moscow. "I used to travel a lot and practically I can't see anything more positive, relaxing, cheap, where to stay and enjoy."

As cheap eats, the favourite Balkan fast food — cevapcici— small spiced minced meat sausages, and a pint of beer runs about $10. A full dinner of local delicacies such as octopus salad and stuffed squid will cost around $43, including a local wine.

Serbian, or Montenegrin as it is now called after the split from Serbia, is the local language. English, Italian and German are spoken by many locals, especially restaurant waiters and hotel staff.

Buses for the famous Croatian resort of Dubrovnik leave Budva every day. Daylong boat excursions from Budva to Sveti Stefan cost about $12. A day-trip by bus to Mount Lovcen via Njegusi, home of the best dried ham and goat cheese dipped in olive oil in the Balkans, is a must. The Montenegro Tourist agency provides day-trips to a wide array of sights.

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If you go...

- **Getting there.** Montenegro Airlines flies to the capital of Podgorica and to the Adriatic Sea airport of Tivat from European cities including Paris, Rome, Budapest, Zurich, Moscow, Frankfurt, Istanbul and Ljubljana. JAT Airways, the Serbian national airline, flies to Belgrade from most European capitals, and has several flights a day from Belgrade to Podgorica and Tivat. A return ticket for a 45-minute flight from Belgrade costs $124.
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Instead of a massive dining room, river cruises offer a small, bistro-like experience. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

European river cruise: Waterway to explore with more intimacy

Rhine. Number of people looking for a smaller, charming option to big boat cruises is growing

After returning from a cruise on the legendary Rhine, chances are you'll be sold on the river cruise to other iconic waterways such as the Danube.

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The small scale of river ships — which typically carry no more than a couple hundred passengers — is a large part of their appeal, in contrast to ocean-going megaships that carry thousands. On a river ship, you don't need a GPS device to figure out where the lobby or the dining room is. And there's a sense of intimacy, with plenty of cozy moments.

While river cruises carry just a fraction of the number of passengers that go on mainstream cruises, the industry has been exploding. The number of people taking river cruises has increased 57 per cent since 2008, according to the Cruise Lines International Association. That compares with 23 per cent growth for mainstream cruise during the same time frame. European river cruises are expected to carry about 400,000 people next year, according to Patrick Clark, managing director of Avalon Waterways, among the world's five largest river cruise operators.

"People love it. It's convenient, and visually, you get to see more," says Lanie Morgenstern, the trade group's spokeswoman. The trips are geared to a more sophisticated traveller who wants to mix up the trips for a deeper understanding of the area, she added.

New river boats also have more amenities than in the past. The vessels must be narrow enough to fit through locks and low enough to pass under bridges that predate large cruise ships, so their cabins are traditionally smaller than on ocean-going ships, with less room for large recreational areas. But river cruise operators are finding ways to add features such as small pools, and they're upgrading in other ways, too, improving menus and decor.

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- **Stops.** The cruise visits a different port every day, sometimes even two. Sightseeing includes walking tours, canal rides and tours of museums and churches. If you get overwhelmed, opt to relax on the boat.

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If the mushrooms are too long for the pitas, thickly slice the mushrooms on a cutting board and place on top the spinach. Thinner pitas will crisp better than thick ones.

1. In a small bowl, whisk oil and garlic together; lightly brush mushrooms on both sides with garlic oil.

2. Barbecue mushrooms on high heat for 2 to 3 minutes per side or until mushrooms are lightly softened.

3. Meanwhile, place pitas on barbecue over high heat and cook for 2 minutes on one side or until warmed through. Remove to a tray or cutting board and spread softer side with tomato pesto. Top with spinach and then warm mushrooms, stem side up.

4. Return to barbecue and cook for additional 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly crisp. Garnish with Parmesan. Cut in halves or quarters and serve immediately. Season with pepper.

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Ingredients

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed into olive oil
- 4 large fresh portobello mushroom caps
- 4 whole-wheat pita breads (15 to 18 cm/6 to 7 inches)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) sun-dried tomato pesto
- 1 l (4 cups) baby spinach or arugula leaves (60 g/2 oz)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shaved Parmesan or Romano cheese
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste

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- Pinch salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Purée until smooth. You may need to stop the blender once or twice and stir the ingredients in order to keep them moving in the blender. Serve immediately.

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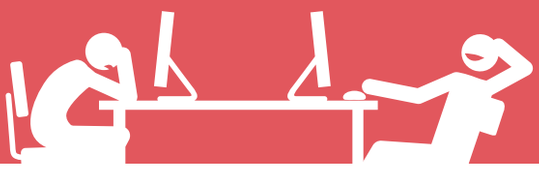

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Create a resumé and portfolio on Pinterest

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Creating a professional Pinterest board for your resumé and work portfolio can showcase your skills, talent and creativity to potential employers.

Marketing expert Christopher Penn says, "The key to figuring out how to present effectively on Pinterest is to present visually even for non-visual stuff."

Instead of just telling people you're gutsy, pin a photo of you sky diving to your Pinterest resumé board with the caption "Skydiving? Risk taker." That's exactly what Harvard business school graduate Jeanne Hwang did. Jeanne used her board to showcase her previous jobs, her interests and even a picture of her puppy.

While you can, and should, get creative with what goes on your board, play it straight with your headlines. Titling your boards 'Resumé' or 'Portfolio' makes it clear what the purpose of your board is and makes it easier to find if employers are searching around.

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Student Voice

Missing the target: Hiring with bias

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I recently moved to Germany on a competitive dual degree program offered by Brock University. Although fortunate to have received entrance into the program, I was somewhat hesitant knowing that I would be missing recruiting season in September. Apart from being abroad during recruiting season, a more significant obstacle that I encountered was employers wanting to largely, if not only, recruit from 'target schools'. All of the companies that I applied to had a recruiting process set up on campus at target schools, and little or no resources dedicated for external applicants from 'non-target schools'. Most companies I contacted, simply directed me to an online process from which I never heard back. Knowing that I am a high caliber student, I felt largely disadvantaged simply knowing that my application wouldn't receive as much attention based on my skills, experiences and achievements, and would rather skim me out based on the university that I attended.

Where I am now

At the moment, I am completing my last year at the European Business School, EBS Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht in Germany, with a specialization in International Business and Strategic Management.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

Based on this experience, I would encourage employers to invest resources and efforts not only to recruit from 'target schools', but also in a process which allows high-caliber students from 'non-target' schools to have a fair, if not equal, chance at employment opportunities. By doing this, employers will not only have the ability to recruit and retain top talent based largely on academic merit, but also based on skill, experience and the potential of candidates from these 'non-target' schools.

My recommendations for students

As overall advice to students who are applying to companies who do not target their schools for recruitment, I would say that networking is the key! There are plenty of ways you can differentiate yourself from those candidates that do attend target schools. The first step is to establish a brand for yourself. Understand your strengths and your areas of interest, and use that to develop a strong application. Once you have perfected your application and the personal brand message that you want to be represented by, start contacting recruiters! This can be through attending networking events on and off-campus, looking up recruiter contact information on company directories, as well as introducing yourself to recruiters on LinkedIn.

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MMA

St-Pierre cleared for comeback

Georges St-Pierre says he has been medically cleared to return to the Octagon.

The mixed martial arts star from Montreal had reconstructive knee surgery in January after tearing an anterior cruciate ligament and his internal meniscus during a training session last fall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Georges St-Pierre GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL

Argonauts add Reinders to O-line

Offensive lineman Joel Reinders and the Toronto Argonauts agreed to a contract on Tuesday, the club announced.

Toronto originally selected the Oakville native in the fourth round, 26th overall, in the 2010 CFL Canadian Draft.
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Bautista won't risk returning this season

MLB. Jays all-star to have surgery on wrist, will miss rest of 2012

Jose Bautista finished with a .241 average, 27 homers and 65 RBIs for the Blue Jays this season.
PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Toronto Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista will have season-ending surgery to stabilize a tendon in his left wrist.

Bautista said before Tuesday night's game against the New York Yankees that the recovery period is three to four months and he would be ready to play long before the start of spring training next year.

"There's just too much instability in that tendon and it got to the point where risking injuring the tendon was not worth it," Bautista said. "That's why we're opting to do it now."

Bautista was initially injured in an at-bat against the Yankees on July 16. He chose to give rest and rehab a try and he returned from the disabled list Friday. But he said, while he did not experience any pain, he felt the tendon moving around too much and was taken out of the game against the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday. The two-time defending AL home run champion was immediately put back on the DL and sent to Cleveland to see a hand specialist.

Dr. Thomas Graham will perform the operation next week in Cleveland.

Manager John Farrell said Bautista made it through his rehabilitation program without issue. But the instability he was feeling when he returned was what prompted the recommendation for surgery.

"It's a definitive plan going forward," Farrell said. "The tough thing through all this is Jose never felt any discomfort but, yet, he didn't feel the strong stable feeling he typically does." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Luckily for me the tendon is completely intact. He just needs to make it stable again."

Jose Bautista. Dr. Thomas Graham will perform surgery on the slugger's left wrist next week.

NHL makes new offer to players

Gary Bettman believes the NHL took a "significant" step with the counter-proposal it presented in the latest round of collective bargaining.

The commissioner laid out the details of a new offer to the NHL Players' Association on Tuesday morning and later told reporters that it was an improvement from the initial offer put forth by the NHL last month.

"We believe that we made a significant, meaningful step," said Bettman.

Neither side would discuss specific elements of the new deal. NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr gave an initial response to the league on Tuesday afternoon and requested that the parties gather again Wednesday after the union has had more time to examine it.

Quoted

"I'm encouraged that we're talking, to be honest with you."

NHL player representative Mathieu Darche on Tuesday's proposal from the league. Darche added that it's obvious the NHL took time to come up with the new proposal.

"It's a proposal that we intend to respond to," said Fehr. "I'll leave it at that."

The current collective agreement expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said it will lock the players out if a new deal isn't reached by then.

The owners and players have had trouble getting on the same page. Bettman indicated the league's new offer was a direct counter-proposal to the offer the players put forth two weeks ago and hopes it helps spark negotiations.

"I'm trying to get us on to the same page, I'm trying to get us on to a common language," he said.

The proposal was unveiled in an intimate setting, with only Fehr and top assistant Steve Fehr in the room for the players and Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly for the league. The morning meeting lasted about 45 minutes and concluded with Donald Fehr saying he wanted to apprise his constituents of the situation.

About four hours later, the Fehr brothers returned to the NHL's head office along with players Mathieu Darche, Ron Hainsey and Douglas Murray.

The afternoon session was over in about 30 minutes, with both sides agreeing to meet again on Wednesday.
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4 SPORTS

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Canada's Paralympic team has reached an all-time high in financing and support heading into London. And with the Games set to kick off on Wednesday, it couldn't have come at a better time with competition perhaps stiffer than ever. Scan the code for the story.

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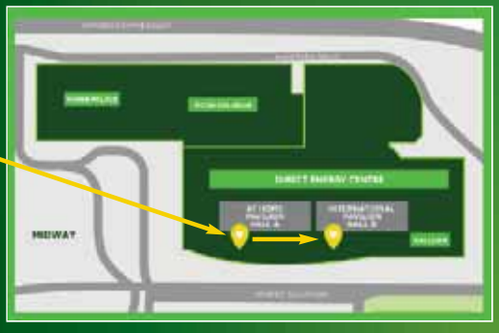

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News worth sharing.

Raonic overcomes serving issues to advance at Open

Tennis. Canadian earns hard-fought five-set victory despite bevy of unforced errors

Milos Raonic had trouble at the baseline, but still got his first U.S. Open victory.

The Thornhill native overcame 55 unforced errors including 15 double faults on Tuesday to defeat Santiago Giraldo of Colombia 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Raonic, the No. 15 seed, earned his 34th victory of the season in a match that lasted well over three hours.

"I'm just happy with the outcome and that I managed to make the most of that moment and just find a way to win," said Raonic. "Everything else I've got to hope gets better in the next round."

Milos Raonic during a match with Santiago Giraldo Tuesday at the U.S. Open in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raonic had 30 aces, but struggled with unforced errors and converted on only a third of his dozen break points.

"I don't think I struggled with my serve that much in a long, long time. A lot of double faults, and it wasn't just one double fault per game," said Raonic. "I double-faulted consistently a couple times in a row, and that made my job a lot more difficult and it gave him a little bit more freedom at the same time."

Raonic did not play at the U.S. Open in 2011 as he recovered from hip surgery. In 2010 as a qualifier, he was beaten by Australian Carsten Ball in his debut at a major.

On Tuesday, Raonic found himself down 2-1, but tied the match with a break in the final game of the fourth set as Giraldo fired wide.

The match finished with a Raonic break of Giraldo on a forehand error from the Colombian.

He will play Paul-Henri Mathieu of France for the first time in the second round of the tournament.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	54	.578	—
Baltimore	70	57	.551	3½
Tampa Bay	70	58	.547	4
Boston	62	67	.481	12½
Toronto	**57**	**70**	**.449**	**16½**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	71	56	.559	—
Detroit	69	58	.543	2
Kansas City	56	71	.441	15
Cleveland	55	73	.430	16½
Minnesota	52	76	.406	19½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	76	52	.594	—
Oakland	70	57	.551	5½
Los Angeles	66	62	.516	10
Seattle	62	67	.481	14½

Tuesday's results
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore
Oakland at Cleveland
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees
Tampa Bay at Texas
Detroit at Kansas City
Seattle at Minnesota
Boston at L.A. Angels
Monday's results
Toronto 8 N.Y. Yankees 7 (11 inn.)
Oakland 3 Cleveland 0
Baltimore 4 Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 6 Tampa Bay 5
Seattle 1 Minnesota 0
Boston 5 Kansas City 1
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Toronto (Happ 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 13-3), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 1-2) at Baltimore (J.Saunders 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Blackley 4-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 8-8) at Texas (M.Harrison 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (A.Sanchez 2-3) at Kansas City (B.Chen 9-10), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 13-8) at Minnesota (Deduno 4-2), 8:10 p.m.
Boston (Z.Stewart 1-2) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
Thursday's games
Oakland at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Trout LAA	105	427	100	144	.337
MiCabrera Det	126	490	83	159	.324
Jeter NYY	126	541	83	174	.322
Konerko CWS	111	414	53	132	.319
Revere Min	91	382	53	119	.312
Mauer Min	119	443	67	138	.312
Fielder Det	127	460	68	143	.311
Beltre Tex	123	480	73	149	.310
Cano NYY	127	490	78	152	.310
Butler KC	126	477	54	145	.304

RBI — Hamilton, Texas, 111; MiCabrera, Det, 106; Willingham, Minnesota, 92; Fielder, Det, 91; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 88;** ADunn, Chi, 88.
Home Runs — ADunn, Chi, 38; Hamilton, Tex, 35; **Encarnacion, Tor, 34;** Granderson, NY, 33; MiCabrera, Det, 32; Willingham, Min, 31.
Tuesday's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	77	50	.606	—
Atlanta	73	56	.566	5
Philadelphia	61	67	.477	16½
New York	59	69	.461	18½
Miami	58	71	.450	20

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	78	52	.600	—
St. Louis	71	57	.555	6
Pittsburgh	68	60	.531	9
Milwaukee	60	67	.472	16½
Chicago	49	78	.386	27½
Houston	40	88	.313	37

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	71	57	.555	—
Los Angeles	69	60	.535	2½
Arizona	64	65	.496	7½
San Diego	60	70	.462	12
Colorado	52	75	.409	18½

Tuesday's results
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
Washington at Miami
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs
San Francisco at Houston
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado
Cincinnati at Arizona
Atlanta at San Diego
Monday's results
Colorado 10 L.A. Dodgers 0
St. Louis 4 Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 3 Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 3 Arizona 2
Milwaukee 15 Chicago Cubs 4
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
L.A. Dodgers (Blanton 8-12) at Colorado (D.Pomeranz 1-7), 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 10-4) at Arizona (Corbin 5-5), 3:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Hanson 12-6) at San Diego (Stults 4-2), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 2-3) at Philadelphia (Hamels 14-6), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Kelly 4-5) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 8-13), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 7-6) at Miami (Ja.Turner 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 10-8) at Houston (Keuchel 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's games
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
MeCabrera SF	113	459	84	159	.346
AMcCutchen Pit	124	470	88	162	.345
Posey SF	115	409	58	134	.328
YMolina StL	109	408	51	132	.324
DWright NYM	124	458	75	145	.317
Holliday StL	125	486	83	151	.311
CGonzalez Col	114	448	80	138	.308
Braun Mil	119	460	85	141	.307
Fowler Col	117	378	67	115	.304
Altuve Hou	119	472	69	142	.301

Runs — AMcCutchen, Pit, 88; Bourn, Atl, 85; Braun, Mil, 85; MeCabrera, SF, 84.
RBI — Braun, Mil, 90; Holliday, StL, 90; Beltran, StL, 85; FFreeman, Atl, 82; Bruce, Cin, 81; CGonzalez, Col, 81; ArRamirez, Mil, 81.
Tuesday's games not included

MONDAY

JAYS 8, YANKEES 7 (11 INN.)

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
RDavis lf	6	1	1	0	Jeter ss	5	2	1	1
Rasms cf	5	1	2	3	Swisher dh	6	1	1	2
Encrnc 1b	5	0	0	0	Cano 2b	4	2	2	2
Lind dh	5	1	2	1	Teixeir 1b	1	1	0	0
YEscor ss	5	0	1	0	J.Nix 3b	2	0	0	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	1	0	0	Grndrs cf	5	0	0	0
Torreal c	5	2	3	2	ErChvz 3b-1b	4	1	3	0
McCoy pr	0	1	0	0	RMartn c	4	0	1	1
Mathis c	0	0	0	0	Ibanez lf	2	0	0	1
Sierra rf	5	1	1	0	AnJons ph-rf	3	0	0	0
Hchvrr 3b	5	0	2	2	ISuzuki rf-lf	4	0	0	0
Totals	**45**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**Totals**		**40**	**7**	**8** **7**

Toronto	010	020	103	01—8
New York	100	320	001	00—7

E—D.Lowe (1). LOB—Toronto 5, New York 7. HR—Rasmus (21), Lind (9), Torrealba (4), Jeter (14), Swisher (20), Cano 2 (27). S—R.Martin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
H.Alvarez	3 1-3	5	4	4	1	1
Laffey	2 2-3	1	2	2	3	0
Delabar	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Loup	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	1	0	0	0	0	0
Janssen BS,3-19	1	1	1	1	0	2
Oliver W,3-2	2	0	0	0	1	3
New York						
Phelps	6 1-3	5	4	4	1	7
Eppley H,9	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
D.Robertson H,20	1	2	0	0	0	1
R.Soriano BS,3-36	1	3	3	3	0	2
Rapada	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
D.Lowe L,8-11	1 2-3	1	1	0	0	1

Loup pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
Umpires—Home, Angel Hernandez; First, Ed Hickox; Second, Chris Conroy; Third, Mark Carlson.
T—3:44. A—42,962 (50,291).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Cooper	140	16	42	4	11	.300
Encarnacion	449	78	130	34	88	.290
Lawrie	397	59	112	9	40	.282
Sierra	65	6	18	2	5	.277
Davis	327	51	82	6	34	.251
Torrealba	169	19	42	4	14	.249
Escobar	456	51	112	7	39	.246
Arencibia	281	36	68	16	50	.242
Bautista	332	64	80	27	65	.241
Rasmus	458	58	107	21	69	.234
Lind	203	18	47	9	28	.232
McCoy	35	7	8	1	6	.229
Johnson	431	53	95	14	47	.220
Vizquel	127	11	28	0	3	.220
Mathis	171	22	37	8	22	.216
Hechavarria	44	1	9	0	4	.205

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	2.0	0	9.00
Oliver	3	2	2	46.1	45	1.75
Lyon	1	0	0	13.1	22	2.03
Loup	0	2	0	20.2	14	2.18
Janssen	1	1	16	49.2	52	2.36
Morrow	7	5	0	82.1	74	3.06
Villanueva	6	4	0	92.2	94	3.30
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Delabar	3	1	0	50.0	69	3.96
Frasor	1	1	0	36.0	45	4.00
Happ	2	1	0	30.1	31	4.15
Jenkins	0	1	0	12.0	5	4.50
Hutchison	5	3	0	58.2	49	4.60
Laffey	3	5	0	75.2	39	4.64
Drabek	4	7	0	71.1	47	4.67
Alvarez	7	11	0	150.1	57	4.97
Lincoln	0	0	0	14.1	10	5.02
Romero	8	11	0	155.0	104	5.63
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Coello	0	1	0	6.1	11	12.79

Tuesday's game not included

FOOTBALL

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	8	5	3	0	233	242	10
Toronto	8	4	4	0	177	191	8
Hamilton	8	3	5	0	236	261	6
Winnipeg	8	2	6	0	176	244	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	8	6	2	0	202	141	12
Edmonton	8	5	3	0	190	151	10
Calgary	8	4	4	0	217	206	8
Saskatchewan	8	3	5	0	190	182	6

Monday's result
Edmonton 26 Toronto 17
Friday's game
All times Eastern
B.C. at Montreal
Sunday's game
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan
Monday, Sept. 3
Toronto at Hamilton
Edmonton at Calgary
Friday, Sept. 7
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Hamilton at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Montreal at B.C., 4 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 9
Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 1 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

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	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	24	18	5	83
McCallum, BC	0	21	17	2	74
Palardy, Wpg	0	13	19	3	73
Congi, Ham	0	25	13	2	66
Paredes, Cal	0	20	15	0	65
Shaw, Edm	0	17	19	2	76
C.Williams, Ham	10	0	0	0	60
Milo, Sask	0	16	11	6	55
x-Lewis, Cal	7	2	0	0	44
Waters, Tor	0	6	13	1	46
Walker, Ham	7	0	0	0	42
Prefontaine, Tor	0	5	10	3	37
Harris, BC	6	0	0	0	36
Sheets, Sask	6	0	0	0	36
x-Matthews, Wpg	5	2	0	0	32
Whitaker, Mtl	5	0	0	0	30
Boyd, Tor-Edm	4	0	0	0	24
Brink, Wpg	4	0	0	0	24
Charles, Edm	4	0	0	0	24
Cornish, Cal	4	0	0	0	24
Dressler, Sask	4	0	0	0	24
Lavoie, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Bratton, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18

NFL PRE-SEASON

Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 11 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

U.S. OPEN

At New York
Men's Singles — First Round
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. Karol Beck, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (2).
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.
Nicolas Almagro (11), Spain, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Rep., 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4.
Milos Raonic (15), Thornhill, Ont., def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Stanislas Wawrinka (18), Switz., def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-2.
Andy Roddick (20), U.S., def. Rhyne Williams, U.S., 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Sam Querrey (27), U.S., def. Lu Yen-hsun, Taiwan, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.
Julien Benneteau (31), France, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-3.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 1-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Dennis Novikov, U.S., def. Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-3.
Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (8), 6-1, 6-4.
Women's Singles — First Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (2), Poland, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-1, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (6), Germany, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-2, 6-0.
Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-1.
Ana Ivanovic (12), Serbia, def. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2.
Dominika Cibulkova (13), Slovakia, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-0.
Roberta Vinci (20), Italy, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-1, 6-1.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Klara Zakopalova (24), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Monica Niculescu (26), Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
Jelena Jankovic (30), Serbia, def. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-2.
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Peng Shuai (32), China, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-4, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, 6-1, 6-4.
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 1-2, retired.
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-3.
Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Nastassja Burnett, Italy, 6-0, 6-3.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-4, 6-2.
Venus Williams, U.S., def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., 6-3, 6-1.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-2, 7-5.
Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Tamira Paszek (29), Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
Olga Puchkova, Russia, def. Irina Falconi, U.S., 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 6-3.
Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Francesca Schiavone (22), Italy, 6-3, 6-4.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	26	14	7	5	32	23	47
New York	26	13	7	6	44	37	45
Houston	26	11	6	9	38	30	42
Chicago	25	12	8	5	32	30	41
D.C.	25	12	9	4	41	35	40
Montreal	28	12	13	3	42	44	39
Columbus	24	10	8	6	29	28	36
Philadelphia	23	7	12	4	24	28	25
New England	25	6	14	5	30	35	23
Toronto	26	5	15	6	29	46	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	26	15	6	5	52	33	50
Seattle	25	12	6	7	40	26	43
Salt Lake	27	13	10	4	37	32	43
Los Angeles	27	12	11	4	46	40	40
Vancouver	27	10	10	7	29	35	37
Dallas	28	8	12	8	33	37	32
Chivas	23	7	10	6	17	32	27
Colorado	26	8	16	2	33	40	26
Portland	25	6	13	6	26	43	24

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie.
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Chivas at New England, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New York at D.C., 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Colorado at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Chivas at San Jose, 9 p.m.

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FIRST ROUND
(Winners advance; home teams listed first)
GROUP ONE

	GP	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pt
Santos Laguna	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Toronto	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**3**
Aguila	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Tuesday's result
Toronto vs. Santos Laguna (Mexico)
Wednesday, Sept. 19
All times Eastern
Aguila (El Salv.) v Santos Laguna (Mex.), 10 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 25
Aguila (El Salvador) vs. **Toronto,** 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Santos Laguna (Mexico) vs. **Toronto,** 8 p.m.
GROUP TWO
Thursday's game
Tauro (Panama) v. Herediano (Costa Rica), 8 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 18
Tauro (Panama) vs. Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
GROUP THREE
Thursday's game
Olimpia (Honduras) vs. Houston, 10 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20
Houston vs. FAS (El Salvador), 8 p.m.
GROUP FOUR
Thursday's game
Caledonia AIA (Trinidad & Tob.) v. Seattle, 8 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 19
Marathon (Honduras) vs. Seattle, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 26
Marathon v. Caledonia AIA, 10 p.m.

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Trim options

The $21,500 (including destination charges) base LS doesn't stray too far from basic, but spending an extra $2,300 for the 1LT trim adds air conditioning, cruise control, tilt/telescoping steering, floor console and upgraded seat coverings.

Versatility

The basic platform is shared with Chevrolet's Cruze sedan, although the Orlando is somewhat longer and wider overall and features an extra 7.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels.

That added distance is the key to the Orlando's versatility. Three rows of seats come standard on all trim levels, including a 60:40 split-folding three-place second row and a 50:50 split-folding two-passenger third row that's more kid friendly than anything. Both second- and third-rows can be folded completely flat, creating a cavernous cargo hold that can swallow nearly any big-box-store item you would care to haul home.

For smaller items there are plenty of handy storage spots to be found throughout the cabin.

2012 Chevrolet Orlando

- **Type.** Four-door, seven-passenger, front-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (174).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.1/6.7(MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $21,500.

Review. It carries plenty, without costing plenty

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Canadians should be grateful that General Motors has brought the Chevrolet Orlando to this country.

That's because, for some reason, Chevy fans and dealers south of the border are going without this practical and affordable wagon that hails from GM's Korean subsidiary. Named for a city in Florida, but won't be available there?

Interesting.

The Orlando (perhaps the Saskatoon or the Halifax might have made better names) slots directly below the five-seat Equinox and well below the full-size Traverse in Chevrolet's tall-wagon hierarchy.

This junior-sized, front-wheel-drive space maker is an ideal minivan alternative. Its seven-passenger capacity is a match for most vehicles in the people-mover class, albeit in a tighter package for people and goods. But the Orlando actually competes against the Mazda 5, Kia Rondo and Dodge Journey. This trio also offers three-row seating and all but only the Journey can be ordered with optional all-wheel-drive.

The Orlando might have far offshore roots, but from its prominent Chevrolet "bowtie" brand on the grille to its rear liftgate, this wagon is definitely domestically influenced. In particular the side view appears inspired by the bigger Traverse, especially the wide doors and the upsweep of the roof pillar. The character-adding flared-out fenders and full-length roof rails also help make the vehicle appear larger than it actually is.

With its up-front costs within reach of most Canadian families, the Orlando should easily make the active-consideration list. Feeling sorry for our Orlando-less American neighbours comes at no extra charge.

The sharp-looking interior is also comfortable and functional and the 2.5-litre four-cylinder feels just as peppy as its 174-horsepower rating implies, partly due to the six-speed automatic transmissions.

With both the second and third rows folded flat, the wide door opening allows for reasonably large items to fit inside.

By comparison

1 Mazda5
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2 Dodge Journey
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3 Kia Rondo
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Last week of summer. A joyous time for parents with school-age kids.

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Two, it's another poignant reminder that your own school days are mercifully over, and you won't be the one heading out the door next Tuesday with a bad lunch and an over-stuffed backpack.

School isn't all bad, of course. And if you're the type that gets an extra kick from things automotive, then high school was, or will be, a heady time.

An automotive restorer once told me that, almost without fail, a guy would restore and/or buy a particular model of classic car later in life, based on their first-ever car lust, which usually occurred when they were 12 to 14.

The cool cars they saw then on the road, and envisioned themselves behind the wheel of, will remain the coolest cars ever made, in their opinion.

So just think of the young brains that are getting programmed for life right now, by their first in-the-flesh encounters with something like an Audi R8, Lamborghini Aventador, or McLaren MP4-12C.

High school is also when a lot of kids first learn to drive, and possibly get their own cars. (There was one memorable guy in my Grade 8 class who not only had his licence, but also his own car, which he drove to school, and parked in the same lot as the teachers! Obviously this was an era in which you were actually allowed to fail an elementary grade.)

My parents wouldn't allow me to purchase my own car in high school, on the premise that I had no business owning a car, when all I wanted to do with one is drive around town playing 8-track tapes.

It was a particularly hurtful thing to say because it was 100 per cent accurate.

I guess the most iconic school-related vehicle is the yellow school bus. Progress marches on, but the school bus seems resistant to change.

In that regard, they're much like that Coke-Pepsi line. All sorts of cultural walls have come down, but you still can't get Coke and Pepsi together in the same eating or drinking establishment. It's one or the other folks…

But back to school buses. They haven't changed much because they continue to have a great safety record.

Yes, they look antiquated, but their serious "mass" and serious "yellowness" make them very visible and very energy absorbent. And with the seats so tight together, and with padding on the seat backs, the kids don't get thrown around too much when things get hairy.

Drivers are also highly trained working on familiar routes, and they're usually only on the road in daylight hours.

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Driving Force. Safety feature is 'like a fighter jet targeting system' that will help you avoid collisions

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Gaining popularity

- The EyeSight system was launched in Japan in 2011. Within three months, it was ordered on more than half of all vehicles available with it, and now represents more than 90 per cent.
- The system does have limitations, and is meant as assistance, not a replacement for attentive driving.

It never hurts to have an extra pair of eyes watching the road. That's the idea behind Subaru's new EyeSight system, an affordable package of safety technologies that uses a unique stereo camera mounted at the top of the windshield.

"This is the first system of its kind to be introduced on Subaru," says Frederick Lane, specialist for technical training at Subaru Canada. "It incorporates seven safety features, including active safety, preventative safety, and passive safety."

EyeSight uses two charge-coupled device (CCD) cameras, developed by Subaru, which capture an image and turn it into electrical pulses that the system can recognize. The system processes these stereo images to identify vehicles, obstacles, traffic lanes and other items. By using images, the system doesn't just realize objects are up ahead, but can accurately identify them.

"Radar (systems) know there's something there, but can't figure out what it is," Lane says. "EyeSight is like a fighter jet targeting system, figuring out how much of a threat an object is."

It can also accurately determine how far away each object is.

"It captures images from the left and right cameras and will compare the contrast change from left to right, and figure out how many pixels are in between the distance," Lane says. "That's how it views obstacles and how far away they are."

EyeSight brakes the vehicle if an object is ahead and the driver does not react. PHOTOS BY JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

Using data from the cameras, the EyeSight system provides adaptive cruise control, which keeps a pre-set distance from vehicles ahead; lane departure and sway warning, which beeps a warning if the driver crosses a line without signalling, or swerves back and forth through inattention or fatigue; and pre-collision braking and collision mitigation, applying the brakes to either slow or stop if there's something ahead and the driver isn't reacting.

The system will beep a warning at a stoplight if the car in front of you moves and you don't, in case you're lost in thought when the light turns green. It is capable of recognizing pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles, and will slow down or stop the vehicle if the driver doesn't respond to potential danger.

EyeSight will also dramatically reduce the throttle's effectiveness if the gas pedal is activated when something is in the way. This could prevent mishaps when a driver mistakenly puts the car into Drive, instead of Reverse, in front of a garage door or parking barrier.

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The EyeSight system uses a unique stereo camera that looks through the windshield.

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The Cobra at 50

Tributes to the late Carroll Shelby are pouring in from around the globe through printed articles, numerous TV reports and blog postings. Shelby's death in May coincided with the 50th anniversary of his Cobra sports car, the history of which is outlined in Speed Merchants of Venice, a commemorative book produced in conjunction with an exhibit at the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum in Pomona, Calif. The book recalls the Cobra's humble origins as well as describing Shelby's involvement in the Ford Motor Company's racing program that culminated in triumph at the 1966 24 Hours of LeMans endurance race in France. Speed Merchants of Venice is available for $27.50 US, including a donation to the Carroll Shelby Foundation that helps children with life-threatening heart and kidney problems. Copies can be purchased at speedmerchant sofvenice.com. **WHEELBASE**

Yes, that is a toilet seat ... on a motorcycle

Japanese toilet maker TOTO employee Akiko Matsuyama gets on a Toilet Bike Neo displayed at its showroom in Fujisawa, near Tokyo, last week. TOTO rolled out the eco-friendly three-wheel 250cc motorcycle with a specially customized toilet-shaped seat that runs on bio-fuel from the discharge of livestock or waste water.

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Auto Know.

World's yardstick for performance, the Nürburgring, caught in the crossfire of promises gone bad, strange business model ideas and a government that's had enough of pouring money in 'The Green Hell'

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The Nomorering?

As the Nürburgring became the proving ground for the world's top automakers, some went as far as to set up research and development facilities there. This is Aston Martin's. ASTON MARTIN

Former Formula One driver Sir Jackie Stewart called it "The Green Hell" for a reason. It's tough and dangerous. But the Nürburgring might have earned the name lately for a completely different reason. The wrong reason. It's a money pit.

It's a story of bad business, angry locals, bribery allegations, and more twists and bends than the 174 turns once featured on the same Nürburgring racetrack all this intrigue surrounds.

The Nürburgring is a legendary motorsports complex built around the village of Nürburg, in the Eifel Mountains of West Germany.

It was once the thriving standard of road racing and a familiar home to the Formula One German Grand Prix and has become the performance yardstick for many automakers around the world. But major changes to the iconic racetrack and a failed business plan have recently driven this once proud facility into bankruptcy, putting the 85-year-old complex in jeopardy.

According to multiple reports, the Nürburgring — which is 90 per cent owned by the state government in Rhineland-Palatinate — faces a debt of 300 million euros ($365 million) after major and costly renovations in 2009 didn't generate the necessary revenue to meet loan payments.

The German state tried to avoid bankruptcy for its track in July, or at least buy a little time, by filing for an emergency loan of 13 million euros ($15.8 million) from the European government. But with the European economy currently running on financial fumes, the European Commission denied the request and state governor, Ken Beck, conceded the inevitable.

"There is a high probability of insolvency (July 2012) due to a lack of liquidity."

What all of this means to the future of Nürburgring and its place as a Formula One site remains uncertain and impossible to predict, but looking back to how the racing complex went from invincibility to insolvency is a necessary step before looking forward.

Opening in 1927, the original Nürburgring course featured four different layouts — the longest being 28 kilometres — to accommodate different racing series. Because it was considered the most demanding, treacherous and difficult racing circuit in the world, Nürburgring earned the nickname "The Green Hell" from Stewart.

Other than a few tweaks and some safety improvements, Nürburgring remained relatively unchanged until 1970 when the track was made straighter, smoother, shorter, slower and safer, much to the dismay of the locals who found the new configuration to be too "user friendly."

Nürburgring became a regular stop on the Formula One circuit in 1951 and remained one until 1976, when the German Grand Prix was moved to Hockenheimring in Hockenheim, Germany, for every year between 1977 and 2006, save for 1985.

Formula One boss Bernie Eccelstone offered to waive the $30 million fee to host a race at the Nürburgring in return for 100 per cent of the rev enue earned by the event. SPEED TV

And while Nürburgring lost its hold on the Formula One race, public events and other racing initiatives kept the track solvent and stable until a bold and expensive decision in 2004 to undergo massive renovations became the first domino to bankruptcy.

Hoping to generate revenue from non-motorsport promotions in the area, grandiose plans emerged to build an amusement park, shopping mall and hotel on Nürburgring property, further irritating racing purists and the local fan base.

According to a story on caranddriver.com, shady investors promised to support the project, but never delivered on the funds, putting a $610 million financial burden on the state government. The spending spree was finally put to an end in July when, after three years, it became clear the redevelopment projects that were completed in 2009 would never generate enough revenue to stay current on the loans.

Ironically, 2009 was the same year the German Grand Prix returned — after a 20-year absence — to Nürburgring in an agreement with Hockenheimring to alternate the race each year between the two venues. Sharing the race would help ease the financial burden for each site of the multi-million host fees paid by tracks interested in holding a Formula One race.

And that brings us back to today's bankruptcy proceedings. Hoping to preserve the German Grand Prix date at Nürburgring, Formula One Management president and CEO Bernie Ecclestone recently offered a polarizing solution to keep Nürburgring as a biannual stop for the German Grand Prix.

Ecclestone has said he is willing to wave the host fee — about $30 million paid to Formula One Management — provided his business gets to keep 100 per cent of the revenue earned by the event.

Those negotiations are in their infancy and no official decision has been reached, but the Nürburgring saga took an interesting twist the weekend of July 21-22 when Ecclestone failed to show up for either the German Grand Prix or a meeting with Nürburgring officials in Germany to discuss the financial crisis and possible solutions.

Ecclestone, 81, has not talked publicly about the Nürburgring situation and he didn't offer an explanation for the no-show, although speculation runs rampant. As for the future of Nürburgring and its place on the Formula One schedule, speculation is also the rule.

It's unlikely any private investors would be interested in the amusement park, shopping mall and the other money pits on the property, and those will likely be shut down, while many believe secondary racing, concerts, public track rentals and any other profitable operations will remain intact.

Whether that survivor list will ever include the German Grand Prix remains to be seen, in what has become a high-speed soap opera.

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Big hopes for real-world experiment

Put to the test.
U.S. government and University of Michigan hope to make roads safer with cars that can talk to each other

In a few weeks, about 2,800 cars, trucks and buses will start talking to each other on the streets of Ann Arbor, Mich., in a giant experiment that U.S. government officials are hoping will lead to safer roads.

Wireless devices will allow the vehicles to send signals to each other, warning their drivers of potential dangers such as stopped traffic or cars that might be blowing through a red light. They can even get traffic lights to turn green if no cars are coming the other way.

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the University of Michigan are hoping the year-long, $25 million project generates data that show the devices can cut down on traffic crashes.

Officials say eventually this could lead to the devices going in every car. About 500 vehicles with the devices are now on the roads. That will rise to 2,800 in about six weeks, officials said last week.

Group effort

- Ford, General Motors, Honda, Hyundai/Kia, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Toyota and Volkswagen/Audi all are supplying vehicles and taking part in the Ann Arbor, Mich., test.

"This is a big day for safety," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said at an event at the university formally kicking off the experiment.

"We'll use this information to decide if vehicle technology can be applied to daily lives."

More than 32,000 people died last year in U.S. traffic crashes, down 1.7 per cent from 2010. The number of crashes has fallen in recent years as automakers added safety devices such as air bags, antilock brakes and stability control, which helps drivers keep cars under control in emergency situations.

But LaHood said that 80 per cent of crashes in which the drivers aren't impaired by drugs or alcohol could be prevented — or the severity reduced — if cars could talk to each other.

When the technology will make its way into cars and trucks everywhere is unclear. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has the authority to order the devices placed in all new cars, but LaHood said they'll have to study the data before making any decision. The data will be available in about a year.

In a demonstration at the Transportation Research Institute, a Volkswagen GTI equipped with a device got a signal that a car up ahead of it had braked. The warning allowed the GTI driver to slow down before seeing the brake lights on the car in front of him. The device also warned the GTI driver at a stop sign that another car was about to speed through the intersection.

Peter Sweatman, director of the institute, said testers will look for data showing that the warnings prevented crashes. Previous tests, on a smaller scale, showed the devices can stop crashes, he said.

Technology is available so that connected cars could be on the road nationwide in under 10 years, Sweatman said.

"I think this is going to kick everything off," he said. "This is going to move everything forward."

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A lot is at stake at the moment, especially financially, so don't let others rush you into making any sudden decisions. The more they try to convince you that you need to act immediately, the more you should take your time.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You must make an effort to control your emotions. As Mars, planet of anger, moves through your opposite sign you will get upset more easily than usual with people who annoy you. Don't go too far.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
This is a good time to make changes to your work routine but make sure they are changes that favour you and not other people. Colleagues and employers will take advantage of you if you let them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This is a great time for getting things done. With Mars on your side, there is precious little you cannot accomplish. But you must be clear about your aims. Set yourself a single goal each and every day.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If your domestic situation could do with some sort of improvement then now is the time to stop thinking about it and do something practical. Don't just touch up the paintwork, have a complete renovation.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With Mars, planet of action, moving through the area of your chart that governs travel and social activities, you won't let anyone or anything hold you back from having a good time. You thoroughly deserve it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be a little worried about your money situation but there is really no need. Over the next few weeks you will get several opportunities to boost the size of your bank balance. Don't waste them.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Mars, planet of ambition, is now well established in your birth sign, which means you can at last start putting your plans into effect. Take responsibility for your own success — and take what it is you desire.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You like to see the world through rose-tinted spectacles but you may have to work harder at it today. When things go wrong — and sometimes they will — don't assume that the sky is about to fall. It's never that bad.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you make the effort to work with people, there is no limit to what you can accomplish over the next few days. Join forces with those who share your dreams. Together you can make them happen.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Whatever your career may be, it will take on more importance now and in the near future. It's not about your worldly status, it's about what your talents are and how you can use them for the greater good.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can, if you wish, throw caution to the wind and do as you please. You can, if you wish, neglect your chores and indulge your passions. And you should. You very much need some down time — and that time is now. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Teams, Author, Places, Symbol

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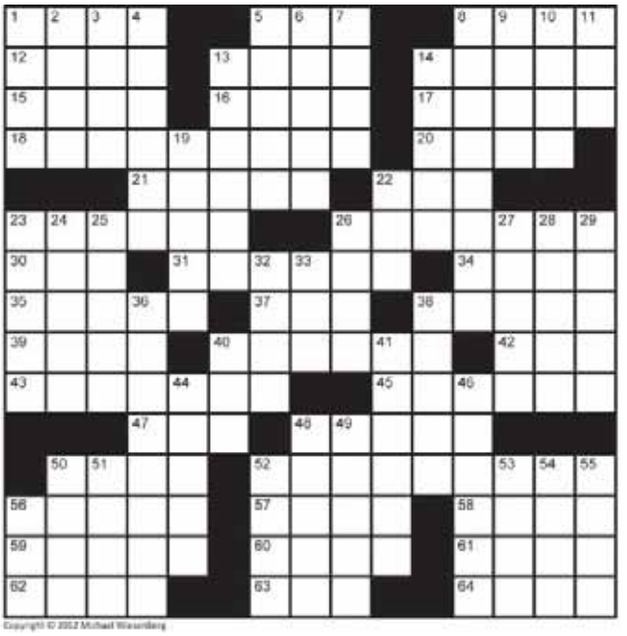

Across
1. Steve McQueen's first major movie, with "The"
5. NNW's opposite
8. CAA giveaways
12. Ready to be picked
13. Toronto-born classical pianist Gould
14. Chalet overhangs
15. "Be with you in ___!" (2 wds)
16. Bassoon or clarinet
17. Lockups at sea
18. Montréal team
20. Helps
21. "Would I ___ you?" (2 wds.)
22. Picnic pest
23. *I, Robot* author Isaac
26. Alberta's northern member of the CFL
30. Alta. neighbor
31. Decorative stickers
34. Underground digging workplace
35. Québec peninsula
37. Canadiens member, familiarly
38. Distributed cards
39. Prevaricator
40. Medicinal amount
42. Lean-___: makeshift sheds
43. Where to find Kingston
45. Parliament's home
47. Bond creator Fleming
48. "Tell ___ I Love Her": 1960 teenage tragedy hit
50. Barroom projectile
52. Canada symbol (2 wds.)
56. Ontario-born Mandel of *Deal or No Deal*
57. With respect to, legal letter style (2 wds.)
58. Great Lake
59. Barbecue residue
60. Campfire entertainment
61. "And ___ word from our sponsor" (2 wds.)
62. Bovine sounds
63. My gal of song
64. 1917 revolution casualty

Down
1. Bric-a-___: knick-knacks
2. Bart Simpson's sister
3. Unclosed
4. "Relax" (2 wds.)
5. Icy precipitation
6. "___ evil, speak ..." (2 wds.)
7. Finishes
8. ___ Provinces: they're on the Atlantic
9. Gung-ho
10. Coat hooks
11. "Boo-o-o-o-o!"
13. Mourn
14. Online loan source
19. Electron tube
22. Blockhead
23. Non Francophone
24. Boyfriend in Shakespeare's time
25. "Can you show me where ___?" (2 wds.)
26. 1814-15 exile for Napoleon
27. Mazda introduced in 1989
28. At the minimum setting (2 wds.)
29. ___ good example: is a role model (2 wds.)
32. Doubled, a train
33. Certain batteries
36. Provinces between BC and 43-Across, familiarly
38. Raison _'___: reason for being
40. Uproar
41. Robert ___: Canadian-American singer and actor who starred as Lancelot in the 1960 Broadway musical *Camelot*
44. Bank posting
46. Artistic asset
48. Sri ___, formerly Ceylon
49. Taxing time
50. "Make it happen" (2 wds.)
51. *Horton Hears* ___: Dr. Seuss (2 wds.)
52. Bypass
53. Valentine personality
54. Stereo brand
55. Dread
56. Overacting actor

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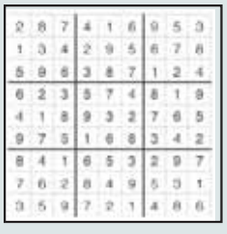
	6	1						9
3			8					
4	7				5			
	3	5				2	1	
			6				5	3
					8			6
2						5	7	
9			1		4	3	8	

Yesterday's Sudoku



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